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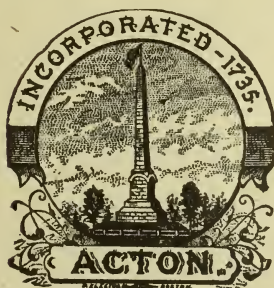
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TOWN OFFICERS, 1917

Selectmen

Charles J. Holton	Term expires 1918
Warren H. Jones	Term expires 1920
William H. Kingsley	Term expires 1919

Town Clerk

Horace F. Tuttle

Town Treasurer

Frank W. Hoit

Assessors

James B. Tuttle	Term expires 1918
Arthur M. Whitcomb	Term expires 1920
Ralph W. Piper	Term expires 1919

Overseers of the Poor

William H. Kingsley	Warren H. Jones	Charles J. Holton
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Collector of Taxes

Arthur M. Whitcomb

Tree Warden

James O'Neil

Constables

John T. McNiff	Charles A. Taylor	Oliver D. Wood
	James N. Berry	

Field Drivers

John T. McNiff	Charles A. Taylor	Oliver D. Wood
	James N. Berry	

Fence Viewers

Charles J. Holton	Warren H. Jones	William H. Kingsley
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Cemetery Commissioners

Julian Tuttle	Term expires 1918
Fred W. Green	Term expires 1920
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires 1919

School Committee

Edwin A. Phalen	Term expires	1920
Herbert W. Lewis	Term expires	1918
Bertram E. Hall	Term expires	1919

Trustees Memorial Library

J. Sidney White	Term expires	1920
Lucius A. Hesselton	Term expires	1918
Horace F. Tuttle	Term expires	1919

Board of Health

Edwin A. Phalen	Term expires	1920
Frank E. Tasker	Term expires	1918
Edward C. Page	Term expires	1919

Finance Committee

James B. Tuttle	Edgar H. Hall	Asaph Merriam
Horace F. Tuttle	Arthur M. Whitecomb	

APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

Superintendent of Streets

Albert H. Perkins

Town Accountant

Howard L. Jones

Registrars of Voters

Lewis Willard	.....	Term expires	1919
James McGreen	.....	Term expires	1918
George E. Holton	.....	Term expires	1920
Horace F. Tuttle, ex-officio			

Election Officers

Precinct 1

Warden	James W. Coughlin
Deputy Warden	Edwin A. Phalen
Clerk	Horace F. Tuttle
Deputy Clerk	Moses E. Taylor
Inspector	Arthur F. Davis
Deputy Inspector	Willis L. Holden
Inspector	James O'Neil
Deputy Inspector	William C. Coughlin

Precinct 2

Warden	L. A. Hesselton
Deputy Warden	T. F. Newton
Clerk	Lorenzo E. Reed
Deputy Clerk	Francis J. Crowley
Inspector	L. C. Hastings
Deputy Inspector	Frank A. Merriam

Inspector Constance O'Neil
 Deputy Inspector Benjamin W. Ineson

Precinct 3

Warden Charles J. Holton
 Deputy Warden Bertram D. Hall
 Clerk David R. Kinsley
 Deputy Clerk William L. Tenney
 Inspector Fred S. Whitecomb
 Deputy Inspector C. H. Mead
 Inspector Guy P. Littlefield
 Deputy Inspector John T. McNiff

Cattle Inspector

Fred S. Whitecomb

Fire Engineers

William H. Kingsley, Chief

Precinct 1

Fred W. Billings, 1st Asst. Arthur F. Harris, 2nd Asst.
 E. P. Gates, 3rd Asst.

Precinct 2

Nelson J. Cole, 1st Asst. E. C. Page, 2nd Asst.
 W. H. Jones, 3rd Asst.

Precinct 3

Edgar T. Rice, 1st Asst. A. B. Parker, 2nd Asst.
 W. J. Costello, 3rd Asst.

Forest Warden

William H. Kingsley

Deputy Forest Wardens

All the above named assistant Fire Engineers

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark

J. W. Dupee Bertram D. Hall E. C. Cheney
 Charles E. Smith George H. Reed Frank A. Merriam

Public Weighers

J. P. Fletcher M. E. Taylor E. C. Cheney E. F. Conant
 Thomas Hearon George H. Reed William H. Teele
 Howard G. Reed

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Theron F. Newton

Superintendent of Moth Work

James O'Neil

Police Officers

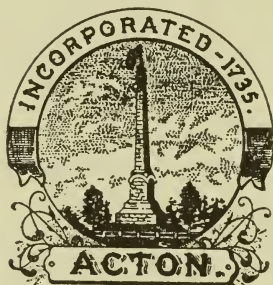
Charles A. Taylor Oliver D. Wood
 John T. McNiff James N. Berry

Inspector of Slaughter Houses

Edward S. Fobes

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.



To either of the Constables of the Town of Acton in the County aforesaid. GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required and directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs therein, to meet in the town hall, in said town, on Monday, the fourth day of March, 1918, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, namely :

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for the following named town officials, to wit: One town clerk for one year, one selectman for three years, three overseers of the poor for one year, one town treasurer for one year, five members of the finance committee for one year, one collector of taxes for one year, one tree warden for one year, four constables for one year, four field drivers for one year, three fence viewers for one year, one assessor for three years, one trustee for the Memorial library for three years, one member of the school committee for three years, one cemetery commissioner for three years, one member of the board of health for three years. Also on the same ballot to vote Yes or No on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The polls will be opened at 9.30 a. m., and may be closed at 4 p. m.

Article 3. To choose all town officers not named in Article 2, and fix salaries of all town officers.

Article 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the various town officials.

Article 5. To hear and act on the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the town will raise by taxation and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town.

Article 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for the due observance of Memorial day.

Article 8. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate for the enforcement of the liquor law, or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

Article 10. To see if the town will pay for fighting brush fires and fix the price, or act anything thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure the employees of the town, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1918, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 13. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for payment of premium on treasurer's and collector's bond, or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm leaf beetle, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate money to continue the drain pipe near the house of Lewis Willard on Martin street, South Acton, or instruct the road commissioners to continue the drain pipe past the oak tree on Martin street, or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to increase the number of its school committee.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient to finish the rebuilding of the "Lowell Road," or act anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in the following places: One each in the stores of C. H. Mead & Co., W. E. Whitcomb, George H. Reed, M. E. Taylor & Co., Herbert W. Lewis, Finney & Hoit, one in each of the R. R. Stations and Post Offices, and at the Nagog House, at least seven days before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with

your doings thereon to the selectmen or the town clerk on or before the time for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands in Acton this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1918.

CHARLES J. HOLTON,
WARREN H. JONES,
WILLIAM H. KINGSLEY,
Selectmen of Acton.

Abstracts of the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting, March 5th, 1917, and March 12th, 1917

The meeting was called to order by the town clerk.

Article 1. James B. Tuttle was chosen moderator by ballot.

Voted to adjourn the meeting to Monday, March 12, 1917, at 9 o'clock a. m., at the town hall.

Proceedings of the Adjourned Annual Meeting, March 12, 1917

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, James B. Tuttle.

Mr. James B. Tuttle requested to be excused from serving as moderator and it was so voted. Allen Brooks Parker was chosen moderator.

On motion of Mr. Luther Conant it was voted: That the town adopt resolutions relating to the present crisis; it was voted that the moderator, the town clerk, and James McGreen be a committee to prepare such resolutions and report to the meeting.

Voted: Unanimously the following resolution:

Resolved: That we, the citizens of Acton, Mass., in the annual town meeting assembled, assure the President of the United States that his efforts to preserve peace and protect the lives and property of our citizens upon the high seas, and to uphold the rights of the nation to conduct its commerce unmolested shall and do have our support, and we assure the President that the spirit prevailing among us today is the same as was manifested by our "Minute Men of '75," and our "Patriots of '61."

Voted: That an engrossed copy, bearing the seal of the town be sent to the President by the moderator and town clerk.

Article 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for town officers; also to vote on the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The following town officers were chosen :

Town Clerk—Horace F. Tuttle.

Selectman, three years—Warren H. Jones.

Assessor, three years—Arthur M. Whitecomb.

Assessor, two years—Ralph W. Piper.

Overseers of the Poor—Charles J. Holton, Warren H. Jones, William H. Kingsley.

Treasurer—Frank W. Hoit.

Collector of Taxes—Arthur M. Whitecomb.

Constables—John T. McNiff, Charles A. Taylor, Oliver D. Wood, James N. Berry.

Fence Viewers—Charles J. Holton, Warren H. Jones, William H. Kingsley.

School Committee—Edwin A. Phalen.

Cemetery Commissioner—Fred W. Green.

Board of Health—Edwin A. Phalen.

Trustee Memorial Library—J. Sidney White.

Tree Warden—James O'Neil.

Finance Committee—Edgar H. Hall, Asaph Merriam, James B. Tuttle, Horace F. Tuttle, Arthur M. Whitecomb.

On the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Twenty-two voted Yes; 106 voted No.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers not named in Article 2 and fix salaries of all town officers.

Voted: To instruct the selectmen to appoint surveyors of lumber and measurers of wood and bark.

Chose Luther Conant, trustee of the Goodnow fund for three years.

Voted: That the salary of the collector of taxes be one percent of the amount collected.

Voted: That the salary of the treasurer be two hundred dollars per annum.

Voted: That the salary of the chairman of the selectmen be one hundred dollars, and the other members fifty dollars each per annum.

Voted: That the salary of superintendent of streets be fixed by the selectmen.

Article 4. To see if the town will accept the reports of the various town officers.

Voted: To accept the reports of the several town officers.

Voted: To sell such wood and lumber on the town farm as the overseers of the poor deem best, and to invest the proceeds and apply the income to the support of the town home.

Article 5. To hear and act upon the reports of any committees chosen at any previous meeting that have not already reported.

No reports were presented.

Article 6. To see what sums of money the town will raise by taxation and appropriate to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the town.

Voted: To raise for:

Memorial day	\$100.00
Repairing roads and bridges	4,000.00
Special work on Lowell road	1,000.00
Memorial library current expenses	450.00
Memorial library for books	200.00
Schools	22,000.00
Hydrant service	2,750.00
Street lighting	3,300.00
Moth work	1,007.59
Salaries of town officers	1,800.00

Voted: To appropriate for:

Oiling roads	\$700.00
Buildings and grounds	200.00
Police department	200.00
Board of Health	500.00
Town home	500.00
Outside poor	1,500.00
Cemeteries	600.00
Unclassified	300.00
Printing	300.00
Reserve fund	1,000.00
Military aid or soldiers' relief	200.00
Road to Bellows' farm	250.00

Article 7. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for the due observance of Memorial day.

Voted: To raise and appropriate \$100.

Article 8. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money for the enforcement of the liquor law, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate the unexpended balance of last year.

Article 9. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the elm leaf beetle.

Voted: To raise and appropriate \$400 to be expended under the direction of the selectmen.

Article 10. To see what action the town will take in regard to the extermination of the gypsy and brown tail moths.

Voted: To raise the amount required by state law, or \$1,007.59.

Article 11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

Voted: That all taxes shall be payable not later than October 15, 1917, and on all taxes remaining unpaid after November 1, 1917, interest shall be charged at the rate of six per-

cent per annum from October 15, 1917, until such taxes are paid.

Voted: That poll and personal taxes only be payable on demand.

Voted: That the collector shall issue summons for all poll and personal taxes only, remaining unpaid September 1, and that the collector shall collect all taxes committed to him within the municipal year in which they are assessed.

Article 12. To see if the town will pay for fighting brush fires and fix the price, or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate \$200.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure the employes of the town, or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate \$150.

Article 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the fire department, or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate \$400.

Article 15. To see what amount of money the town will raise and appropriate for payment of premium on treasurer's and collector's bond.

Voted: To raise and appropriate \$150.

Article 16. To see if the town will install one or more street lights in Acton Center, on the Littleton road, between the schoolhouse and residence of John F. Schneider, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the selectmen be authorized to install one additional light on said street, provided it can be done without increasing the expense of street lighting.

Article 17. To see if the town will appropriate a sum of money to improve the grounds around the town hall, or act anything thereon.

Voted: That the sum of \$150 be appropriated; the same to be expended under the direction of a committee to be appointed by the moderator.

The moderator appointed as that committee: Edwin A. Phalen, Luther Conant Jr., Horace F. Tuttle.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the fire engineers to make certain interior alterations in the fire house at West Acton, or do or act anything thereon.

Voted: To appropriate (\$50) fifty dollars, the same to be expended by the fire engineers.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the purchase and equipment of automobile trucks for the use of the fire and forest fire departments, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

A motion: "That the board of fire engineers of the town

be and hereby are authorized to purchase and equip for the use of the fire and forest fire departments two automobile trucks and that the sum of two thousand dollars, or such part thereof as may be necessary therefor be and hereby is appropriated for the same," did not prevail.

Mr. Franklin E. Griffin, in behalf of Mrs. Gertrude C. Daniels, offered to present to the town, her Chalmers touring car to be equipped as a fire truck, to store the same in her garage and to furnish a driver without expense to the town, provided said car is kept in the garage on her farm in North Acton.

Voted: Unanimously to accept the offer of Mrs. Daniels with thanks and to appropriate the sum of \$350 for equipping the car as a fire truck.

Voted: That the sum be expended under the direction of the fire engineers and Mr. Griffin.

Voted: To authorize the fire engineers to expend a sum equal to the sum already appropriated to equip a motor fire truck in each of the precincts of South and West Acton, provided the car or truck is donated.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to re-appropriate the twenty-five dollars, appropriated at the last annual meeting, for the removal of the watering trough at the Center.

Voted: To re-appropriate the sum of \$25, to be expended under the direction of the committee appointed to improve the grounds around the town hall.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to re-appropriate the unexpended balance of money appropriated at a special town meeting for the repair of the Pope road so called.

Voted: To re-appropriate the unexpended balance to repair the Pope road.

Article 22. To see what action the town will take to raise and appropriate \$150 for the George Washington Memorial building, Washington, D. C.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to petition the American Woolen company to extend the street lighting system from "Merriam's Corner" to the Christofferson place in South Acton.

Voted: To pass over the article.

Article 24. To see what action the town will take on the acceptance of Section 1, Chapter 153, of the Acts of 1916, viz: "In towns having less than ten thousand inhabitants the annual license fee for carrying on the business of slaughtering neat cattle, sheep or swine, shall be such sum, not exceeding one hundred dollars, as the selectmen shall fix."

Voted: To accept the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 153, of the Acts of 1916, relating to the business of slaughtering cattle.

Voted: That the license fee be fixed at \$100.

Article 25. To see if the town will appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the purpose of removing snow and sanding that part of the streets used as sidewalks; one hundred dollars to be at the disposal of each precinct and to be expended at the discretion of the selectmen, or act anything thereon.

A motion in the form of the article did not prevail.

Article 26. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1917, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Voted: That the town treasurer with the approval of the selectmen be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1917, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Mr. Oliver D. Wood was granted the privilege of speaking on the matter of military drill and training.

Voted: That a committee of five be chosen to consider the matter of military preparedness.

Voted: That the moderator be chairman of this committee and that the moderator appoint the remaining four members. Oliver D. Wood, Nelson J. Cole, Walter A. Tuttle and Ralph T. Gates were appointed members of this committee.

Voted: That the town offer the use of any town buildings to the committee and to any organization working for military preparedness.

State Election, November 6th, 1917

Party designations: D., Democratic; P., Prohibition; R., Republican; S. L., Socialist Labor; S., Socialist; Prog., Progressive.

Governor

	Precincts			Total
	1	2	3	
Whole number of ballots cast	92	111	122	325
James Hayes, S. L.	1	2	0	3
Chester R. Lawrence, P.	0	0	1	1
Frederick W. Mansfield, D.	8	15	14	37
Samuel W. McCall, R.	83	90	107	280
John McCarty, S.	0	3	0	3
Blanks	0	1	0	1

Lieutenant Governor

Calvin Coolidge, R.	81	91	105	277
Mathew Hale, D., P., Prog.	6	13	13	32
Sylvester J. McBride, S.	1	2	0	3
Fred E. Oelcher, S. L.	1	1	0	2
Blanks	3	4	4	11

Secretary

Herbert S. Brown, P.	2	3	1	6
Albert P. Langtry, R.	74	84	98	256
Ingrar Paulsen, S. L.	0	1	0	1
Arthur B. Reed, D.	9	15	12	36
Marion E. Sproule, S.	0	2	0	2
Blanks	7	6	11	24

Treasurer

Charles L. Burrill	77	86	102	265
Solon Lovett	1	2	0	3
Joseph A. Murphy	0	2	0	2
Humphrey O'Sullivan	11	13	12	36
Mary E. Peterson	0	1	0	1
Blanks	3	7	8	18

Auditor

Elzear H. Choquette, D.	11	14	12	37
Alonzo B. Cook, R.	71	80	96	247
David Craig, S. L.	0	1	0	1
Walter S. Peck, S.	0	3	0	3
Henry G. Smith, Jr., P.	2	2	0	4
Blanks	8	11	14	33

Attorney-General

Henry C. Atwill, R.	74	83	95	252
Frank Auchter, P.	1	2	1	4
William R. Henry, S.	0	2	0	2
Thomas J. Maher, S. L.	0	1	0	1
Josiah Quincy, D.	12	16	12	40
Blanks	5	7	14	26

Councillor

James G. Harris, R.	78	90	96	264
Blanks	14	21	26	61

Senator

Edward B. Eames, R.	79	90	95	264
Blanks	13	21	27	61

Representative in General Court

Walter Perham, R.	80	92	101	273
Blanks	12	19	21	52

County Commissioner, Middlesex County

Walter C. Wardwell, R.	77	89	90	256
Blanks	15	22	32	69

Shall the Article of Amendment relative to absentee voting, be approved and ratified?

Yes	69	78	87	234
No	9	16	12	37
Blanks	14	17	23	54

Shall the Article of Amendment relative to appropriations for educational and benevolent purposes, be approved and ratified?

Yes	72	90	97	259
No	11	12	13	36
Blanks	9	9	12	30

Shall the Article of Amendment relative to the taking and distribution by the Commonwealth and its municipalities of common necessities of life, be approved and ratified?

Yes	71	85	96	252
No	8	7	6	21
Blanks	13	19	20	52

**Vote for Representative in the Eleventh Middlesex District,
1917**

	Acton	Bedford	Carlisle	Chelmsford	Littleton	Tyngsboro	Westford	Totals
Walter Perham of Chelmsford ...	273	152	59	520	125	84	216	1429
Blanks	52	43	10	153	21	8	76	363
Totals	325	195	69	673	146	92	292	1792

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births

Whole number recorded	43
Born in Acton .....37	Native parentage .....20
Males .....30	Foreign parentage 9
Females 13	Mixed parentage14

Marriages

Whole number recorded	33
Residents of Acton ...41	Residents of other places 25

Deaths

Whole number recorded	58
Residents of Acton .....55	Occurring in Acton ....47
Residents of other places 3	Occurring in other places 11
Average age in years, 58 plus	

Note. The town clerk requests information of any errors or omission in the lists of births, marriages and deaths.

The town clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish blanks for the return of births and deaths.

HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1917

No.	Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
1.	Oct. 15..	Benere, Richard Francis	Francis J. and Maude I. Benere
2.	Sept. 20..	Bernier, Clyde Joseph	Joseph and Arvilla B. Bernier
3.	July 9..	Blood, Elizabeth	Kenneth T. and Bess J. Blood
4.	April 8..	Brown, Robert	Murray and Mary Brown
5.	Oct. 6..	Bunda, Alexander	Michael and Hopka Bunda
6.	March 30..	Chapman, Frank Hilton	Frank W. and Ethel A. Chapman
7.	May 30..	Davis, Edward Lee	William E. and Anna Davis
8.	June 4..	Davis, Eugene	Alfred W. and Lizzie Davis
9.	May 7..	Foster, Pauline	Charles E. and Margaret A. Foster
10.	March 27..	French, James Henry	James H. and Ada M. French
11.	March 2..	Fullonton, Robert	Lewellyn F. and Ethel M. Fullonton
12.	Feb. 12..	Granberg, Annie Matilda	Ole and Matilda Granberg
13.	Aug. 1..	Hagen, Evelyn Agnes	Sven S. and Linda Hagen
14.	Nov. 25..	Hayward, Earl Frank	Earl and Ethelyn M. Hayward
15.	July 16..	Jones, Lucie Mae	Ralph T. and Mary E. Jones
16.	Feb. 10..	Langton, William Edward Jr.	William E. and Sarah L. Langton
17.	March 10..	Leard, Raymond David	Dayson H. and Amanda D. Leard
18.	Sept. 5..	Lewis, Pauline	Herbert W. and Harriet Lewis
19.	Jan. 20..	MacDougall, Albert Norman	Daniel N. and Eva L. MacDougall
20.	Dec. 3..	Mauro, Michel	Joseph and Pasqualina Mauro
21.	July 12..	Martin, Walter Anthony	Frank X. and Ina M. Martin
22.	July 15..	Mekkelson, Henry, Jr.	Henry and Thora M. Mekkelson
23.	Feb. 4..	Newcomb, Elmer Ellsworth	G. Ernest and Lily L. Newcomb
24.	Aug. 18..	Oelschlegel, Freida Elizabeth	Fritz W. and Elizabeth Oelschlegel
25.	May 16..	Olsen, Theodore Lee	John E. and Martha Olsen
26.	Feb. 20..	O'Neil, James Edward, Jr.	James E. and Katharine F. O'Neil

27.	Oct.	8..	Parker, Edwin Henry	Allen B. and Nora E. Parker
28.	May	23..	Peppard, Murray Bisbee	Victor E. and Edna C. Peppard
29.	June	26..	Perkins, Ella Elizabeth	Arno H. and Maud E. Perkins
30.	Dec.	3..	Pereira, Jose De Feguredo	Antonio De F. and Bernadina J. Pereira
31.	April	12..	Punch, John Joseph	John E. and Ellen Punch
32.	Feb.	5..	Roche, Francis David	Francis B. and Kathryne C. Roche
33.	Aug.	6..	Schofield, Shirley Blanche	Anthony K. and Flora C. Schofield
34.	Dec.	20..	Snyder, John Glaize, Jr.	John G. and Viola M. Snyder
35.	Aug.	10..	Spinney, Earle Rhea	Everett R. and Daisy S. Spinney
36.	Sept.	3..	Tobin, Raymond Joseph	John and Agnes Tobin
37.	July	20..	Ward, Mary Frances	Edward J. and Katherine G. Ward
38.	March	24..	Williams, George Horace	William J. and Bernice A. Williams
39.	Aug.	31..	Wood, Louisa Josephine	Oliver D. and Louisa N. Wood

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1917

No.	Date 1917	Place	Names	Residence
1.	May	6..	Acton	Baird, Edson D. South Acton
2.	Dec.	1..	South Acton	Hull, Flora
3.	July	28..	Boston	Baleon, Eugene Charles
4.	June	16..	Boston	O'Neal, Della Vaughn
5.	June	3..	Maynard	Barker, Henry
6.	May	13..	Boxborough	Gove, Emma C. Boston
				Baxter, Charles Thayer
				Fowle, Mariam L. Allston
				Bennett, Francis Albert
				Leavitt, Elma Frances Marion
				Briggs, Jesse Alton
				Wamboldt, Adelaide Melissa

7.	April	25..	West Acton	Byrne, Aloysius Simon	Sudbury
8.	Feb.	11..	Lowell	McCarthy, Margaret Elizabeth	South Acton
9.	Nov.	22..	Rochester, N. H.	Cheney, Elmer C.	North Acton
10.	June	25..	Fitchburg	Buzzell, Lovinie E.	North Acton
11.	April	19..	North Acton	Coolidge, Everett B.	West Acton
12.	April	22..	Maynard	Clarke, Hattie M.	Rochester, N. H.
13.	April	29..	West Acton	Cousins, Ivan R.	Fitchburg
14.	June	7..	West Acton	Burns, Pearl M.	South Acton
15.	Nov.	29..	Lee	Durkee, Albert Porter	Acton
16.	Feb.	23..	West Acton	White, Florence Estella	North Acton
17.	Dec.	22..	Ayer	Foley, David Joseph	South Acton
18.	Jan.	17..	Maynard	Johnson, Hannah Mary	Maynard
19.	June	28..	Lunenburg	Gilbert, Alfred Grover	South Acton
20.	Sept.	9..	West Acton	Gerroir, Mary Josephine	South Acton
				Gould, Glenn C.	West Acton
				Knowlton, Ruth G.	West Acton
				Grady, Roy John	West Acton
				Barber, Imogene Harding	Lee
				Graham, George Philip	Maynard
				Haynes, Hattie May	South Acton
				Lincoln, Levi	Boylston
				Barnard, Josephine Marion	South Acton
				Lemoine, Joseph Henry	Maynard
				Foley, Frances Ann	South Acton
				Livermore, Delos Austin	Acton
				Clifford, Lennie Beatrice	Fitchburg
				Magoulian, Karekin	Maynard
				Crowell, Blanche May	Maynard

21.	Aug.	23..	Arlington	Mead, James Louis	Arlington
22.	Jan.	6..	Boston	Smiley, Mary Ellen	West Acton
23.	June	24..	Boxborough	Miller, Fred W.	Concord Junction
24.	Nov.	29..	Hudson	Stiles, Nellie M.	Acton
25.	April	15..	West Acton	Nichols, Orla	West Acton
26.	Jan.	28..	West Acton	Briggs, Mary Omay	West Acton
27.	Nov.	3..	South Acton	Olsen, Peter J.	Acton
28.	April	4..	West Acton	Breault, Lillian Grace	Hudson
29.	Oct.	20..	Medford	Pierce, Frederick Gunner	West Acton
30.	Feb.	10..	West Acton	Staples, Madeline Pratt	West Acton
31.	May	3..	Acton	Perkins, Arno Hazelton	West Acton
32.	Feb.	22..	Acton	Wooding, Maud Elizabeth	West Acton
33.	April	2..	West Acton	Reed, Otis J.	Stoughton
				Kimball, Evelyn	Acton
				Richardson, Charles Edward	Sidney West Acton
				Hove, Alice Agnes	Manchester, N. H.
				Smith, Sumner	Lincoln
				Wiggin, Alice Paul	West Acton
				Spinney, Everett Rhea	West Acton
				Alward, Daisy Sophia	Littleton
				Taylor, Charles Adams	Acton
				Crossman, Katherine E.	Boston
				Wayne, James Arthur	Acton
				Quimby, Margaret Dustin	Acton
				Willis, Nelson Bond	Charlton
				Bezanson, Helen Maud	West Acton

DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1917

No.	Date	Names	Yrs.	Age Mos.	Da.
1.	Oct.	Bauman, Bridget	76		
2.	Nov.	Beach, Daniel Melvin	75	9	8
3.	Aug.	Bean, Mary Maria Bennett	69		2
4.	Feb.	Billings, Tamson M.	80	7	3
5.	June	Bisbee, Belle	62		
6.	Jan.	Bonazirilo, Andy	40		
7.	Aug.	Bradford, Rufus Choate	82	4	16
8.	Aug.	Brown, Albert Boynton	76	8	19
9.	Feb.	Bulger, Margaret	97	1	14
10.	Sept.	Clark, Hannah R.	70	11	13
11.	Dec.	Connelley, Isabella	75		
12.	Jan.	Deeth, Hattie A.	57	5	11
13.	April	Duren, Mary	66	10	25
14.	April	Fletcher, Josephine	76	5	6
15.	March	Fullonton, Robert			2
16.	April	Gertshofsky, Joseph	29		
17.	July	Glines, Frederick S.	68	4	25
18.	Feb.	Hall, George A.	65	6	20
19.	June	Hanson, Henry	78	10	9
20.	Jan.	Hayes, Mary Elizabeth	60		
21.	Aug.	Houghton, Lydia Anne	86	2	15
22.	May	Hulsander, Martha	66	1	2
23.	Aug.	Hurley, Elizabeth Eileen	17	3	10
24.	Feb.	Jewett, Caroline Augusta	66	5	24
25.	Aug.	Kempton, Minnie S.	62		
26.	Oct.	Kimball, Karolyn Jenet	3	4	1

27.	Aug.	23..	Lee, William James	51			3
28.	March	16..	McCarthy, George Augusta	29	2		19
29.	April	4..	McCarthy, Jeremiah	60	2		19
30.	July	22..	McGee, John Peter	63	6		26
31.	Nov.	19..	Mead, Melissa Ellen	80	1		22
32.	Nov.	25..	Millan, Hollis Bailey	16	3		25
33.	Nov.	26..	Morassey, Frank A.	24			
34.	April	22..	Nolan, Meral Carl	22	1		
35.	July	8..	Oxnschuk, Efnny	31			
36.	May	1..	Penniman, Olive L.	74	4		4
37.	Nov.	7..	Pickard, Frances Adelaide	73	9		3
38.	June	26..	Ravitser, Grace Irene	27	4		18
39.	April	15..	Richardson, Edward Farwell	84	1		21
40.	Feb.	20..	Richardson, James Edward	77	4		10
41.	Jan.	18..	Robbins, Ruth	88	10		9
42.	May	17..	Robbins, Webster C.	57	3		19
43.	Nov.	25..	Spinney, Dexter Lincoln	41	6		1
44.	March	7..	Staples, Hall	46	3		4
45.	Dec.	26..	Taplin, Charles Francis	75	5		12
46.	Feb.	16..	Taylor, Lyman C.	65	3		2
47.	Dec.	9..	Temple, John	81	5		23
48.	Jan.	26..	Turner, Emma M.	73	9		30
49.	April	24..	Welsh, Joseph	76	6		13
50.	Feb.	28..	West, Emma B.	3	11		19
51.	May	17..	Wheeler, Augusta M.	64	2		3
52.	May	22..	Wheeler, Charles H.	60	4		10
53.	Sept.	19..	Withington, Augustine J.	59			
54.	Aug.	21..	Wood, Chester E.	22	8		1
55.	May	24..	Woodward, Clara S.	59	5		3

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS IN 1917

No.	Date of Death 1917	Names	Yrs.	Mos.	Da.	Place of Death	Place of Burial
1.	Feb. 10..	Armstrong, Eleanor Marie	2	3	9	Brookline	Mt. Hope
2.	Aug. 23..	Barker, Henry	82	8	19	Boston	Woodlawn
3.	June 12..	Clark, Lydia A.	59	7	2	Marlboro	Woodlawn
4.	Dec. 1..	Conant, Lizzie H.	69	0	0	Marlboro	Mt. Hope
5.	Jan. 9..	Deeth, Hattie A.	57	5	11	Concord	Mt. Hope
6.	June 7..	Hapgood, Hiram J.	79	8	30	Reading	Mt. Hope
7.	Sept. 24..	Hayward, Warren, Jr. ...	1	2	14	Boxboro	Mt. Hope
8.	March 23..	Haslin, George A.	60	0	27	Boston	Mt. Hope
9.	Nov. 29..	Knapp, George	88	1	1	Revere	Mt. Hope
10.	March 7..	Littlefield, Alice L.	7	1	5	Lowell	Mt. Hope
11.	Feb. 20..	Littlefield, Weston	1	2	25	Lowell	Mt. Hope
12.	Dec. 14..	McLane, Mary Agnes	61	6	12	Watertown	Woodlawn
13.	July 13..	Miller, James	82	4	0	Swampscott	Woodlawn
14.	Dec. 4, 1916..	Phalen, Edward Snyder ..	0	0	3	Berea, Ky.	Woodlawn
15.	Feb. 18..	Piper, Ruth H.	58	8	9	North Andover	Mt. Hope
16.	Aug. 2..	Regan, Maud	44	0	0	Medfield	Mt. Hope
17.	May 29..	Smith, Harriet Newell	89	5	14	Northborough	Mt. Hope
18.	Feb. 3..	Tuttle, Martin	66	4	26	Concord	Woodlawn
19.	April 17..	Tuttle, Sarah Hanscom ...	80	6	22	Concord	Woodlawn
20.	Feb. 12..	Watson, George H.	62	1	18	Lowell	Mt. Hope
21.	Jan. 17..	Wright, Alice Marian ...;	62	1	7	Littleton	Woodlawn

PERSONS HAVING DOGS LICENSED IN 1917

Allen, W. Stuart	\$4.00	Hayward, B. F.	5.00
Amadon, L. Q.	2.00	Haynes, Charles E. ..	2.00
Baird, Edson	2.00	Hazel, Mary D.	2.00
Baker, Ralph G.	2.00	Hodgen, H. C.	2.00
Barteaux, Arthur ...	2.00	Holden, F. H.	2.00
Bradford, Fred W. R.	2.00	Hoit, F. W.	2.00
Bradbury, Rolfe	2.00	Holland, John H. ...	5.00
Brill, Fred E.	2.00	Hunt, Roy W.	2.00
Brown, James A. ...	2.00	Jones, Warren W. ...	2.00
Bulette, Frank W. ...	2.00	Kennedy, Duncan S. .	2.00
Burgess, Alice M....	2.00	Kimball, Elnathan J.,	6.00
Bursaw, H. W.	2.00	Kimball, B. Milton ..	2.00
Cahill, John P.	2.00	Knowlton, Helen A. .	2.00
Capelle, C. H.	2.00	Laffin, Sidney	2.00
Charter, William W. .	2.00	Lewis, Herbert W. ..	2.00
Clapp, George E. ...	2.00	Libby, George A. ...	5.00
Cole, Thomas W. ...	2.00	Licard, Felix	2.00
Conquest, James	2.00	Livermore, William J.	2.00
Coughlin, Margaret .	2.00	Lucier, Joseph	2.00
Coughlin, John	2.00	McGovern, Hugh ...	2.00
Crosby, William C. ..	5.00	McGregor, Stuart ..	2.00
Davis, Wendell F. ...	4.00	Mannion, Arthur ...	2.00
Davis, William E. ...	2.00	Manson, H. and G. ..	2.00
Daniels, G. C.	2.00	Marsh, A. W.	2.00
DeFegueredo, Antonio	2.00	Mauro, Nicholas	2.00
DeTunno, Angelo ...	2.00	Mason, William	2.00
Densmore, J. A.	2.00	Mekkelsen, Jens	5.00
Edney, Charles F. ...	2.00	Mekkelsen, John	2.00
Enneguess, Michael .	4.00	Millan, Albion L. ...	4.00
Farrand, W. H.	2.00	Moore, James	2.00
Farrar, Daniel H. ...	2.00	Moore, J. Sterling ...	2.00
Fletcher, Lester N. ..	7.00	Morrison, F. D.	2.00
Foley, David J.	2.00	Nagle, Alex	2.00
Ford, Charles L.	2.00	Nealey, Edward F. ..	5.00
Foster, S. J.	2.00	Nolan, Peter	5.00
Gilmore, A. H.	2.00	O'Connell, Michael ..	2.00
Green, Fred W.	2.00	Olsen, Simon	2.00
Greenleaf Kennels ..	14.00	Palma, John	2.00
Greenwood, Ormond .	2.00	Page, E. C.	2.00
Griffin, Franklin	2.00	Perkins, A. H.	2.00
Griffin, Mrs. Franklin	2.00	Perkins, Levi	2.00
Groton, Robert	2.00	Pope, Benjamin	8.00
Hayes, Michael	5.00	Priest, H. L.	5.00
Hayward, George ...	7.00	Reed, George H.	5.00

Rich, Addie M.	2.00	Shea, Peter, J.	2.00
Richardson, George A.	5.00	Smith, George A. ...	2.00
Ring, John F.	2.00	Smith, Hattie E.	2.00
Ring, Mrs. John E. ..	5.00	Stearns, Clifton S. ...	2.00
Rivers, Edward E. ..	7.00	Taylor, Charles A. ..	7.00
Robbins, Solon	2.00	Tucker, George S. ...	7.00
Robbins, Webster C.		Turnbull, George ...	2.00
(Estate of)	4.00	Tuttle, Arthur	6.00
Rosenau, Milton	5.00	Watkins, J. H.	4.00
Rothberg, Max	2.00	Weaver, George T. ..	14.00
Rudolph, W. H.	2.00	Weeks, Elinor F. ...	2.00
Russell, John H.	2.00	West, Mrs. I. C.	2.00
Sanborn, Everett R. .	2.00	Whitcomb, Fred S. ..	2.00
Seanlon, William S. .	2.00	Wood, Fred W.	2.00
Schofield, Harris C. ..	4.00	Williams, William ...	2.00
Scott, Annie J.	2.00	Willis, Edward	2.00
Shapley, Eva	2.00	Worden, Martin H. ..	2.00
Shapley, Eva (1916),	2.00		
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124 licenses @ \$2.00		\$248.00	
22 licenses @ \$5.00		110.00	
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			\$358.00
Deduct fees, 146 licenses @ 20c each		29.20	
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			\$328.80
Paid county treasurer on 1916 account		5.40	
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Total amount paid county treasurer		\$334.20	

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

To the Citizens of the Town :

The selectmen have carried out the instructions of the voters of the town as far as possible. We were confronted by the same conditions, only much worse, as regards the labor question as in 1916. We found it almost impossible to procure competent help for the Road department at anywhere near the wage which the town expects to pay. We appointed Mr. A. H. Perkins superintendent of streets and he managed to build the piece of road (Lowell) for which the town voted \$1,000. We started this work early, about August 1st, hoping to complete same in time to do some needed repairs on the gravel roads, but the early freeze prevented this work. We would call your attention to the wornout condition of our stone roads. A large percent have gone beyond the "patching" stage and must be re-surfaced to put them in any kind of shape for the heavy traffic which they are obliged to stand. This will be expensive, particularly at this time. We recommend that the Lowell road be finished this year and that a sufficient sum be appropriated for this purpose in addition to the regular moneys for repairs.

CHARLES J. HOLTON,
WARREN H. JONES,
WILLIAM H. KINGSLEY,
Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Acton, Mass. :

Gentlemen—I herewith submit my report for the year 1917:

General Government

Appropriation	\$1,800.00
Appropriation premium on collector's and treasurer's bonds	150.00
Received from sealer of weights and measures	56.23
Transferred from reserve fund	150.47

\$2,156.70

Selectmen's Department

Paid:

Charles J. Holton, salary	\$100.00
William H. Kingsley, salary	50.00
Warren H. Jones, salary	50.00
Charles J. Holton, postage, telephones, etc.	17.26
R. S. Osterhout, envelopes, noteheads ..	24.75
Warren H. Jones, postage	1.30

\$243.31

Auditing and Accounting Department

Paid:

Howard L. Jones, salary	\$139.50
Howard L. Jones, postage, stationery ..	2.10
W. S. Greenough & Co., books, vouchers	5.30

\$146.90

Treasurer's Department

Paid:

Frank W. Hoit, salary	\$200.00
Frank W. Hoit, postage, telephone, etc.,	30.39
Frank W. Hoit, certifying notes	8.00
American Surety Co., bond	50.00

\$288.39

Collector's Department

Paid:

Arthur M. Whitecomb, salary	\$392.94
A. M. Whitcomb, postage	11.50
W. M. Sargent, printing and envelopes,	8.50
Hobbs & Warren, book	4.08
American Surety Co., bond	100.00

\$517.02

Assessors' Department

Paid:

James B. Tuttle, salary	\$75.00
Ralph W. Piper, salary	55.00
A. M. Whitecomb, salary	60.00
Thomas Groom, book	3.87
P. B. Murphy, blanks	8.85
W. M. Sargent, printing	11.00
James B. Tuttle, warrants and postage,	3.00
A. M. Whitcomb, postage, express, etc.,	5.80

\$222.52

Town Clerk's Department

Paid:

Horace F. Tuttle, salary	\$45.00
Horace F. Tuttle, postage, express, etc.,	17.54
Horace F. Tuttle, attending meeting at Chelmsford	3.00
Horace F. Tuttle, collecting and record- ing births	21.50
Horace F. Tuttle, recording marriages .	6.40
Horace F. Tuttle, recording deaths	11.60
Wright & Potter, book	1.57
P. B. Murphy, blanks .....	.75
Library Bureau, blanks .....	.75
H. S. Turner, envelopes	2.35
Carter Ink Co., ink .....	.50

\$110.96

Overseers of Poor Department

Paid:

William H. Kingsley, salary	\$50.00
Charles J. Holton, salary	20.00
Warren H. Jones, salary	20.00
William H. Kingsley, postage	1.35

\$91.35

Town Physician

Estate of Hall Staples

\$20.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Theron F. Newton, salary	\$80.00
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Cattle Inspector

Fred S. Whitcomb, salary	\$100.00
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Election and Registration

Paid:

James McGreen, registrar, 1916-1917 ..	\$40.00
G. E. Holton, registrar	20.00
Horace F. Tuttle, registrar	25.00
David A. Kingsley, election officer, 1916- '17	17.50
Eugene Hall, election officer	2.50
James O'Neil, election officer	7.50
I. S. Ford, election officer	2.50
C. W. Cram, election officer	2.50
R. W. Porter, election officer	2.50
L. C. Hastings, election officer	10.00
L. A. Hesselton, election officer	10.00
L. E. Reed, election officer	10.00
C. E. Smith, election officer	5.00
T. F. Newton, election officer	2.50
J. T. McNiff, election officer	7.50
C. O'Neil, election officer	5.00
F. S. Whitcomb, election officer	7.50
Charles J. Holton, election officer	10.00
A. F. Davis, election officer	10.00
H. F. Tuttle, election officer	7.50
R. S. Osterhout, warrants, ballots, notices	80.25
H. F. Tuttle, election officer	2.50
F. S. Glines, opening schoolhouse	1.00
R. W. Porter, placing booths	5.00
L. C. Hastings, placing booths	5.00
Universalist society, rent	12.00
C. J. Holt, rent	4.50
J. T. McNiff, posting warrants, trans- porting ballots	21.00

\$336.25

Total general government	\$2,156.70
Due from state for cattle inspection	\$100.00

Buildings and Grounds

Appropriation	\$200.00
Received from rent	153.50

\$353.50

Paid:

R. W. Porter, janitor and labor on grounds	\$122.70
American Woolen Co., lighting hall and jail	66.27
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal ..	56.37
West & South Water Supply District ...	6.00
Dexter Spinney, wood	8.00
B. A. King, wiring	6.10
C. J. Persons, tuning piano	3.00
W. H. Kingsley, sawing wood	2.00
N. H. Tenney, repairs on boiler	16.35
E. P. Gates, repairs	3.10
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	4.26
Town farm, wood	16.50
R. W. Porter, care of clock	25.00

\$335.65

Unexpended

17.85

\$353.50

Special on Grounds

Appropriation \$150.00

Paid:

J. D. Smith, labor	\$5.50
Unexpended	144.50

\$150.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police

Appropriation	\$200.00
Transferred from reserve fund	39.00

\$239.00

Paid:

J. T. McNiff, court fees	\$83.21
William Craig, court fees	13.08
J. Connors, court fees	2.05
J. T. McNiff, special duty	17.00
J. N. Berry, special duty	7.34
C. J. Holton, badges and automobile ...	10.75
O. D. Wood, special duty	24.25
J. M. Kempton, special duty	76.25
W. H. Jones, cartridges, twisters, keys,	3.32
R. S. Osterhout, noteheads	1.75

\$239.00

Enforcement of Liquor Law

Appropriation	\$830.30
Unexpended	830.30

Fire Department**General**

Appropriation	\$400.00
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Paid:

H. W. Lewis, supplies	\$3.91
E. T. Rice, stove	19.00
E. T. Rice, repairs	13.56
South Acton Woolen Co., vitrol	24.45
American Woolen Co., lighting	16.39
James French, care of fire	15.00
N. J. Cole, care of fire	15.00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal ..	56.92
George H. Reed, coal	15.28
Badger Fire Extinguisher Co.	7.25
American La France Fire Engine Co., acid siphon	10.00
West & South Water Supply District ..	12.00
W. H. Jones, lighting .....	.74
A. W. Davis, gasoline	4.95
W. E. Whitecomb, soda	13.50
West Acton Department, pay rolls	11.75
West Acton Department, salaries	80.00
N. J. Cole, care of house	17.95
N. J. Cole, engineer	5.00
W. H. Jones, engineer	5.00
E. C. Page, engineer	5.00
W. H. Kingsley, engineer	5.00
E. P. Gates, engineer	5.00
F. W. Billings, engineer	5.00
A. F. Harris, engineer	5.00
N. J. Cole, pay roll	2.40

\$375.05

Unexpended

24.95

\$400.00**Special for Alterations West Acton House**

Appropriation	\$50.00
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Paid:

West Acton Department, labor	\$16.23
B. A. King, wiring	6.50

\$22.73

Unexpended

27.27

\$50.00

Equipping Motor Truck, Precinct 1

Appropriation	\$350.00
Transferred from reserve fund	190.80

\$540.80

Paid:

American La France Fire Engine Co., two 25-gallon steel tanks	\$420.00
One wire mesh basket	16.00
One chemical engine nozzle	6.50
150 feet chemical hose	37.50
E. P. Gates, labor	38.00
W. J. Costello, painting	22.80

\$540.80

Hydrant Service

Appropriation	\$2,750.00
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Paid:

West & South Water Supply District ..	\$2,562.50
Town of Concord	92.00

\$2,654.50

Unexpended

95.50

\$2,750.00

Brush Fires

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Paid:

A. F. Harris, labor	\$4.85
Allan Frost, labor	1.00
Alfred Harris, labor25
C. I. Miller, labor25
Henry Austin, labor .....	.25
Henry Thatcher, labor .....	.25
Leo Bayer, labor .....	.25
L. E. Frost, labor	2.50
William Hallowell, labor .....	.50
A. Hallowell, labor .....	.25
I. Gagnion, labor .....	.25
West Acton Department, pay rolls	21.35
E. C. Page, pay rolls	18.17
W. H. Kingsley, pay rolls	19.90
N. J. Cole, pay rolls	8.95
Pay roll, account B. & M. R. R. Co., fire North Acton	29.68
Pay roll, account B. & M. R. R. Co., fire North Acton	16.55

Pay roll, account B. & M. R. R. Co., fire West Acton	12.00
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Unexpended	
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\$137.20

62.80

\$200.00**Health and Sanitation**

Appropriation	\$500.00
Received from Murphy & Mitchell, in- spection	23.80
Received from Mitchell & Maloney, in- spection	100.00
Received from A. F. Blanchard, inspec- tion	100.00
Received from A. J. Edwards, chemicals	4.00
Received from Hall Brothers, chemicals	4.50
Transferred from reserve fund	159.72

\$892.02**Paid:**

C. A. Dudley, inspection	\$136.55
E. C. Page, inspection	64.00
E. C. Page, fumigating, etc.	67.53
E. C. Page, salary 1916-'17	8.75
Smith Finney, auto to Boston	10.00
Boston Consumptives hospital	78.00
E. Z. Stanley, repairs	2.00
Hall Staples, professional services	7.50
Carter, Carter & Meigs, chemicals	9.70
H. S. Turner, notices	4.55
W. B. Clarke Co., book	1.35
E. S. Fobes, inspection	304.00
F. E. Tasker, inspection	66.00
F. E. Tasker, school physician	50.00
F. E. Tasker, account complaints	4.00
L. A. Jones, labor	3.64
L. C. Hastings, labor	4.20
C. E. Wood, wages	20.00
City of Waltham	44.25
W. A. Flint, use of land for dump	6.00

\$892.02**Moth Department**

Appropriation	\$1,007.59
Received state treasurer, gypsy moth work	133.72
Private work	75.90
Lead sold	589.44

\$1,806.65

Paid:

James O'Neil, labor	\$1,992.47
James O'Neil, state highway work	76.65
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, supplies	48.64
Maynard & Acton Oil Co., gasoline	21.25

 \$2,139.01

Balance due from state, January 1, 1917	121.41
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 \$2,260.42

 \$453.77

Less for work on state highway

76.65

Balance due from state, January 1, 1918	
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\$377.12

Tree Warden

Appropriation

\$400.00

Paid:

Northeastern Forestry company

12.00

Unexpended

388.00

 \$400.00
Highways and Bridges

Appropriation, general \$4,000.00

Appropriation, road to Mrs. Daniels' .. 250.00

Appropriation, oiling 700.00

Appropriation, Pope road, unexpended balance 242.00

Appropriation, Lowell road 1,000.00

Received, state treasurer, account Lowell road, 1916 200.00

Received, Framingham Construction Co., use of roller 60.00

Received, town of Westford, use of roller 10.00

Received, state treasurer, use of roller . 244.00

 \$6,706.00

Paid:

A. H. Perkins, pay rolls \$2,525.76

A. H. Perkins, labor Powder Mill bridge 105.66

A. H. Perkins, gravel 56.15

N. H. Tenney, repairs 28.20

Buffalo, Springfield Steam Roller Co., repairs 6.12

Hall, Lincoln Co., cover 8.00

Lunt, Moss Co., repairs	25.92
W. E. Whitcomb, tools	12.62
W. J. Costello, signs	5.00
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	39.86
C. H. Mead & Co.	9.05
E. P. Gates, repairs	14.35
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co.	1.86
Upton, Gilman Machine Co., welding ..	2.00
W. H. Jones, labor	2.00

\$2,842.55

Oiling

Paid:

Standard Oil Co., oil	\$461.32
A. H. Perkins, labor	230.50

\$691.82

Snow Bills

Paid:

A. H. Perkins	\$54.44
George Greenough	18.00
W. H. Jones	20.00

\$92.44

Lowell Road

Paid:

A. H. Perkins, pay rolls	\$2,708.68
A. H. Perkins, gravel	101.40
A. H. Perkins, use of road to pit	5.00
A. H. Perkins, coal, posts	140.61
F. A. Hollowell, land damage	25.00
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., lumber, etc.	12.28

\$2,992.97

Total expenditures highways and bridges	6,619.78
Amount due from state, account Lowell road	\$1,000.00
Amount due from county, account Low- ell road	1,000.00

\$2,000.00

Unexpended balance

\$4,619.78
2,086.22

\$6,706.00

Street Lighting

Appropriation	\$3,300.00
Paid:	
American Woolen company	3,247.92
Unexpended balance	52.08
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	\$3,300.00

Charities**Town Farm**

Appropriation	\$500.00
Received from sale of product and stock	2,787.31
Transferred from reserve fund	16.41
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	\$3,303.72

Paid:

C. L. Crosby, warden	\$120.00
C. L. Crosby, labor	44.47
C. R. Stearns, warden	360.00
C. R. Stearns, labor	335.61
C. R. Stearns, boxec	13.00
C. R. Stearns, veterinary	5.00
C. R. Stearns, tomato plants .....	.50
C. R. Stearns, tools and repairs	23.75
C. R. Stearns, sundries	2.98
J. S. Moore, supplies	233.81
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.	16.10
George H. Reed, grain	530.37
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal and lumber	55.73
C. H. Mead & Co., grain and supplies ..	760.73
H. W. Lewis, supplies	44.41
Finney & Hoit, supplies	56.07
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	330.54
J. Wright, cutting ice	5.58
H. F. Robbins, hay	50.00
E. T. Rice, repairs	3.00
W. H. Jones, spraying	30.30
F. E. Tasker, professional services	32.75
Joseph Breck & Sons, tank and tools ...	10.18
F. Oelschelegel, repairs	2.00
W. A. Haynes Co., mower	55.00
W. A. Haynes Co., supplies	2.25
W. H. Kingsley, labor	31.25
W. E. Whitcomb, supplies .....	.60
Town of Acton, moth tax	8.15
N. H. Tenney, repairs	2.50
F. A. Wakelin, supplies	4.07
E. P. Gates, shoeing and jobbing	58.70

Durkee Brothers, service of bull	10.00
Huntington Agricultural Camp, labor ..	64.32

\$3,303.72

Outside Poor

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
Received from state treasurer, account dependent mothers	91.44

\$1,591.44

Paid:

Town of Braintree	\$98.98
City of Waltham	39.25
Luther Davis, rent	112.00
Luther Davis, milk	25.13
Elizabeth J. Ring, board and care	572.00
H. W. Lewis, supplies	80.37
W. E. Whitcomb, supplies	39.70
M. Nerskin, rent	30.00
E. A. Phalen, rent	24.00
W. T. S. Bartlett, rent	38.00
Tuttle & Newton, supplies	7.60
Dexter Spinney, wood	5.00
M. E. Taylor & Co., supplies	169.62
South Acton Coal & Lumber Co., coal ..	32.82
Town farm, wood	22.50

\$1,296.97

Unexpended balance

294.47

\$1,591.44

Soldiers' Benefits

State Aid

Received from state treasurer		\$686.00
Amount due from state, January 1, 1917	\$686.00	
Paid	624.00	
Amount due from state, January 1, 1918		624.00

\$1,310.00 \$1,310.00

Military Aid

Appropriation	\$200.00
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Paid:

H. Hamblin, medical attendance	\$20.00
Hall Staples, medical attendance	38.00
Edwin Hayward, rent	10.00
E. C. Page, services	2.00
Mrs. W. C. Butler, services	30.20
D. J. Brown, rent	5.00

E. W. Ford, rent	30.00
S. A. Christie, medical attendance	62.90

	\$198.10
Unexpended balance	1.90

\$200.00

Memorial Library
Library Expense

Appropriation	\$450.00
Received from fines	31.00
Received for old paper	2.20

\$483.20

Paid:

American Woolen Co., lighting	\$30.19
R. Farrar, printing	2.75
A. F. Davis, librarian	102.00
A. F. Davis, cataloguing	10.00
A. F. Davis, painting .....	.65
O. E. Houghton, transporting books ...	50.00
E. F. Conant, insurance	64.70
S. H. Taylor, janitor	100.00
S. H. Taylor, repairing clock	2.00
Acton Printing Co., printing	3.75
H. F. Tuttle, expressage, etc.	5.10

\$371.14

Unexpended	112.06
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\$483.20

Library Books

Appropriation	\$200.00
Interest on library fund	233.38
Received for book destroyed	1.00

\$434.38

Paid:

W. B. Clarke Co., books	\$238.94
C. E. Lauriet Co., books	1.87
DeWolfe, Fiske Co., books	14.30
W. A. Wilde Co., books	9.14
Dura Binding Co.	62.60
Town of Acton, to balance 1916 account,	39.54
National Association for Providing Em-	
ployment, for Cured Tubercular,	
book	1.50
Graphic Arts Co. ....	.50

H. W. Wilson Co., book	1.25
Boylston Publishing Co. ....	.75
A. H. Heusser, book	1.85
H. Goldberger, magazines	45.85
R. Farrar, cards	5.00
H. F. Tuttle, magazines	2.00
Acton Printing Co., cards	4.77
Brookside Printing Co., slips	3.70
Dennison Mfg. Co., labels .....	.82

 \$434.38

Cemeteries

Appropriation	\$600.00
Received sale of lots, Woodlawn	50.00
Received sale of lots, Mt. Hope	42.00

 \$692.00

Paid:

Julian Tuttle, labor	\$115.25
J. Pederson, labor	134.23
I. Pederson, labor	11.25
J. Tuttle, plants	7.98
E. Z. Stanley, repairs	2.25
W. H. Kingsley, team	4.50
H. F. Tuttle, services as commissioner ..	7.50
H. F. Tuttle, writing deeds	2.50
West & South Water Supply District ..	13.17
F. W. Green, labor	147.90
E. R. Teele, team	9.40
E. L. Spinney, team	6.00
E. F. Conant, insurance	7.20
O. E. Preston, labor	9.00
E. T. Rice, repairs	11.77
A. Batley, plants	9.78
T. E. Downie, mowing	1.50
C. H. Mead & Co., rakes	1.50
F. W. Green, writing deeds	1.00

 \$503.68

Unexpended

188.32

 \$692.00

Perpetual Care

Received interest on cemetery fund	\$479.80
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Paid:

J. Tuttle, labor	\$233.50
J. Tuttle, plants	66.55
F. W. Green, labor and plants	158.75
F. C. Hayward, interest	17.50
George Decoster, interest	3.50

 \$479.80

Education

Appropriation	\$22,000.00	
Received county treasurer, dog tax ...	258.33	
Received state treasurer, industrial school	695.85	
Received C. O. Prescott, superintendent funds	343.75	
Received tuition E. Sadler	57.00	
Received tuition Anna Wright	12.75	
Received tuition town of Stow	28.50	
Received ticket refunds	30.81	
Received book85	
Received old paper and books	10.71	
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		\$23,438.55
Paid:		
Report of school committee	\$22,527.76	
Unexpended	910.79	
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		\$23,438.55

Printing

Appropriation	\$300.00	
Paid:		
R. S. Osterhout, town reports	\$190.70	
Enterprise company	10.20	
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		\$200.90
Unexpended	99.10	
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		\$300.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation	\$100.00	
Paid:		
Isaac Davis Post, G. A. R.	100.00	

Liability Insurance

Appropriation	\$150.00	
Transferred from reserve fund	25.48	
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		\$175.48
Paid:		
A. M. Whitcomb	\$175.48	
Removing Watering Trough at Acton Center		
Appropriation	\$25.00	
Paid:		
H. F. Tuttle	\$7.00	
Unexpended	18.00	
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		\$25.00

Unclassified

Appropriation		\$300.00
Paid:		
G. W. Worster, delivering reports	\$2.00	
F. K. Shaw, returning births	7.00	
F. E. Tasker, returning births .....	.75	
Estate Hall Staples, stove	12.00	
M. Bender & Co., book	10.50	
R. W. Porter, repairing flag .....	.50	
R. W. Porter, care of flag	5.00	
Concord Foundry Machine Co.	2.15	
Finney & Hoit, flags	15.00	
Hobbs & Warren, book	7.82	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co., stamps	2.45	
W. and L. E. Gurley, refinishing brass, yard standard	7.42	
S. A. Christie, returning births	2.50	
F. P. Flagg, returning births .....	.50	
C. J. Holton, perambulating town lines,	7.50	
C. J. Holton, delivering reports	1.00	
H. F. Tuttle, printing notices of military enrollment	2.75	
W. H. Jones, perambulating town lines,	2.50	
Estate Hall Staples, returning births ...	1.25	
		\$90.59
Unexpended		209.41
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		\$300.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation	\$1,000.00	
Received library account to balance, 1916	39.54	
		\$1,039.54
Transferred to:		
General government	\$150.47	
Police department	39.00	
Fire department (special)	190.80	
Health and sanitation	159.72	
Town farm	16.41	
Liability insurance	25.48	
		\$581.88
Unexpended		\$457.66

Interest

Received interest on taxes	\$213.24	
Received interest on deposits	74.96	
		\$288.20

Paid:

First National bank of Ayer, interest on loans	\$581.56
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Municipal Indebtedness

Balance due First National bank of Ayer, January 1, 1917	\$5,000.00
Received loans, First National bank of Ayer	27,000.00

 \$32,000.00

Paid:

First National bank of Ayer	27,000.00
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Due First National bank of Ayer,

January 1, 1918	\$5,000.00
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Refunds

Abatements, 1916 taxes	\$101.60
Abatements, 1917 taxes	253.68

 \$355.28
Financial Statement**Receipts**

Due from treasurer, January 1, 1917 ..	\$2,532.43
Due from collector, January 1, 1917 ...	5,602.08
Poll taxes added	34.00

 \$8,168.51

Raised:

State tax	\$6,160.00
State highway tax	1,031.06
County tax	2,817.25
Overlay	680.12
Memorial day	100.00
Highways and bridges	4,000.00
Highways and bridges, Lowell road	1,000.00
Memorial library, expenses	450.00
Memorial library, books	200.00
Schools	22,000.00
Hydrant service	2,750.00
Street lighting	3,300.00
General government	1,800.00
Moth work	1,007.59
Tree warden work	400.00

 \$47,696.02

 Less amount paid by state account
 intangible personal property ..

 8,316.81

 \$39,379.21

Received

Treasurer's report	\$46,157.24	
Farm receipts	2,787.31	
Interest on taxes	213.24	
Moth tax	673.26	
Excise tax	250.73	
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		\$50,081.78
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		\$97,629.50

Expenditures

State tax	\$6,160.00
State highway tax	1,031.06
County tax	2,817.25
General government	2,156.70
Buildings and grounds	335.65
Buildings and grounds, special	5.50
Police department	239.00
Fire department, general	375.05
Fire department, special	22.73
Fire department, special	540.80
Hydrant service	2,654.50
Brush fires	137.20
Health and sanitation	892.02
Moth department	2,139.01
Tree warden	12.00
Highways and bridges	6,619.78
Street lighting	3,247.92
Town farm	3,303.72
Outside poor	1,296.97
State aid	624.00
Military aid	198.10
Library expense	371.14
Library books	434.38
Cemeteries	503.68
Cemeteries, perpetual care	479.80
Education	22,527.76
Printing	200.90
Memorial day	100.00
Liability insurance	175.48
Removing watering trough	7.00
Unclassified	90.59
Interest	581.56
Municipal indebtedness	27,000.00
Refunds	355.28
Due from treasurer	3,134.44
Due from collector	6,858.53

\$97,629.50

Financial Statement for Year Ending December 31, 1917

Due from treasurer	\$3,134.44	
Due from collector	6,858.53	
Due from county treasurer, dog tax ...	307.56	
Due from state treasurer, moth work ...	377.12	
Due from state treasurer, account Lowell road	1,000.00	
Due from county treasurer, account Lowell road	1,000.00	
Due from state treasurer, cattle inspection	100.00	
Due from state treasurer, state aid	624.00	
	<hr/>	\$13,401.65
Liabilities		
First National bank of Ayer, note		\$5,000.00
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Balances in favor of the town		\$8,401.65

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD L. JONES,

Town Accountant.

South Acton, Mass., February 12, 1918.

I have examined the accounts of the tax collector and treasurer of the town of Acton, and find them correct to the best of my knowledge.

HOWARD L. JONES,

Town Accountant.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending December 31, 1917

Cash on hand, January 1, 1917	\$2,532.43
State Treasurer:	
Corporation tax, public service	\$499.69
Corporation tax, business	5,145.86
National bank tax	565.84
Street railway tax	2.35
State aid	686.00
Soldiers' exemption	79.25
Income tax	8,316.81
Income tax additional	70.92
Reimbursement for loss of taxes on land used for public institutions	191.78
Independent educational industrial schools	695.85
Aid of mothers with dependent children	91.44
Highway work, Lowell road	200.00
Highway commission, moth work ..	133.72
Superintendent of school fund	343.75
Highway department, use of roller,	244.00
County treasurer, dog tax	258.33
Slaughter house inspection	23.80
Slaughter license, A. F. Blanchard	100.00
Slaughter license, Mitchell & Mahoney,	100.00
Board of Health, supplies	8.50
Concord, Lake Nagog taxes	25.12
Cemetery lots sold, Mt. Hope	42.00
Cemetery lots sold, Woodlawn	50.00
Use of road roller, Framingham	60.00
Use of road roller, Westford	10.00
Town hall rents	153.50
First National bank, Ayer, loans	27,000.00
Sealer of weights and measures	56.23
Town of Stow, tuition	28.50
Old books and papers, school depart- ment	11.56
Rebate on school transportation	30.81
Tuition of Enid and Craig Sadler	57.00

Tuition of Anna Wright	12.75
Library fines	31.00
Library books destroyed	1.00
Old papers, library	2.20
Interest on deposits	74.96
Interest on library fund	233.38
Interest on cemetery fund	479.80
Amount overdrawn library account, 1916	39.54

\$46,157.24

Town Farm Receipts:

Milk	\$1,565.13
Apples	725.86
Fowl	66.69
Eggs	117.19
Calves	46.00
Wood	86.75
Potatoes	19.25
Labor	18.10
Bull service	2.00
Cows	115.00
Telephone	2.20
Old lead	4.49
Old bags and junk	18.65

\$2,787.31

Received of A. M. Whitcomb, Collector:

Taxes, 1916	\$5,270.42
Interest, 1916	195.71

\$5,466.13

Taxes, 1917	\$33,810.33
Interest, 1917	17.53

\$33,827.86

\$90,770.97

Paid approved selectmen's orders	\$87,636.53
Balance on hand, January 1, 1918	3,134.44

\$90,770.97

FRANK W. HOIT,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF WILDE MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND

Cash Charlestown Five Cent Savings bank	\$1,000.00	
Warren Institution for Savings ...	1,000.00	
Home Savings bank	1,000.00	
Middlesex Institution for Savings .	1,000.00	
North End Savings bank	1,000.00	
Interest on deposits	204.15	
Bond West Shore R. R. of Susan Augusta and Luther Conant fund .	1,000.00	
Interest on bond	40.00	
Luke Tuttle fund	200.00	
Appropriation for books	200.00	
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		\$6,644.15
Cash in banks	\$5,200.00	
Bond, Conant fund	1,000.00	
Amount expended 1917	433.38	
Balance unexpended	10.77	
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		\$6,644.15
	FRANK W. HOIT,	
	Treasurer.	

TREASURER'S REPORT OF FUNDS HELD FOR CARE OF LOTS IN CEMETERIES

Bonds of West and South Water Supply District of Acton	\$8,400.00	
Cash in banks	8,102.90	
Unexpended balance	985.26	
Luke Tuttle lot	100.00	
Walter O. Holden lot	100.00	
Moses Taylor, lots	400.00	
G. W. Knowlton lot \$50; Edith A. Watson lot \$50; A. Knowlton lot \$50 ..	150.00	
Edward Stone lot	100.00	
Joseph E. Chandler lot	50.00	
Granville E. Whitecomb lot	100.00	
James Richardson lot	50.00	
William D. Tuttle lot	100.00	
Interest on bonds	336.00	
Interest on deposits	277.47	
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		\$19,251.63

Paid for care of lots	\$479.80
West and South Water Supply District of Acton bonds	8,100.00
Cash in Banks	9,002.90
Liberty bonds	550 00
Unexpended balance	1,118.93
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	\$19,251.63

FRANK W. HOIT,
Treasurer.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Valuation on April 1, 1917

Buildings, exclusive of land	\$1,149,210.00
Land, exclusive of buildings	536,620.00
Personal estate	381,844.00

Total valuation	\$2,067,674.00
Valuation April 1, 1916	2,515,429.00

Decrease in valuation	\$447,755.00
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Rate of taxation, \$18.40.

Tax Assessed as Follows:

Real estate	\$31,019.26
Personal estate	7,025.95
Polls	1,334.00

\$39,379.21

Received from state account intangible personal	8,316.81
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\$47,696.02

Moth tax	\$673.26
Excise tax	250.73

Amount of Money Raised

For state tax	\$6,160.00
State highway tax	1,031.06
County tax	2,817.25
Town grant	37,007.59
Overlay	680.12

\$47,696.02

JAMES B. TUTTLE,
ARTHUR M. WHITCOMB,
RALPH W. PIPER,
Assessors of Acton.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1916 Taxes	
Uncollected January 1, 1917	\$5,602.08
Polls added	34.00
Interest collected	195.71
	\$5,831.79
Cr.	
Paid treasurer	\$5,364.53
Abatements	101.60
	\$5,466.13
Uncollected January 1, 1918	\$365.66
1917 Taxes	
Town, state and county taxes committed to collector, September 1, 1917	\$47,696.02
Less amount returned from state account intangible personal	8,316.81
	\$39,379.21
Moth tax	673.26
Interest collected	17.53
	\$40,070.00
Excise tax	250.73
	\$40,320.73
Cr.	
Paid treasurer	\$33,574.18
Abatements	253.68
	\$33,827.86
Uncollected January 1, 1918	\$6,242.14
Uncollected January 1, 1918, excise tax .	250.73
	\$6,492.87

ARTHUR M. WHITCOMB,
Collector.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GOODNOW FUND

For the Year Ending December 31, 1917

Investments

Warren Institution for Savings, Book 83531	\$1,135.32	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings bank, Book 71200	1,000.00	
City Institution for Savings, Lowell, Book 84244	1,000.00	
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		\$3,135.32

Receipts

Warren Institution for Savings, dividends	\$45.12	
Charlestown Five Cents Savings bank, dividends	42.50	
City Institution for Savings, dividends .	40.00	
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		\$127.62

Payments

Paid Julian Tuttle, care of Goodnow lot, Woodlawn cemetery	\$7.00	
Unpaid income for care of cemetery lot, deposited with Warren Institution for Savings	18.12	
H. F. Robbins, treasurer of Evangelical Congregational church in Acton ..	102.50	
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		\$127.62

LUTHER CONANT,
I. WARREN FLAGG,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Trustees of Goodnow Fund.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The overseers of the poor submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1917.

There has not been as many cases of outside poor aided this year, but war prices have advanced the cost of this department, so that the net cost is about the same as last year. The local case referred to last year is still being cared for by the same lady and too much cannot be said for the faithful way she has cared for them.

We recommend that \$1,300 be appropriated for this department.

The town home since April 1st has been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stearns as warden and matron, and they have taken good care of it and the inmates. The high price of supplies and labor has struck this department too, and though there was a good crop of apples and a good amount of milk, we have not been able to keep within the appropriation.

Many things are needed on the farm and among them is a power sprayer. There will have to be a new horse this year, as the one that has been on the farm for a long time is too old to be of any more use.

Number of inmates cared for during year	3
Number at present time	2

We recommend that \$700 be appropriated for this department.

See treasurer's and town accountant's reports for the financial statement of this department.

WILLIAM H. KINGSLEY, Chairman,
CHARLES J. HOLTON,
WARREN H. JONES,
Board of Overseers of Poor.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

January 1, 1917.

The board of health submits the following report for the year ending December 31, 1917:

Burial permits issued in Acton	44
Burial permits issued in other places	23

List of contagious diseases reported by the board of health, January 1, 1917, to December 31, 1917:

Acute poliomyelitis	1
Chicken pox	12
German measles	4
Measles	2
Mumps	1
Whooping cough	1
Diphtheria	1

Meat Inspected for the Town

	Inspected	Condemned
Cattle	43	1
Veals	799	30
Hogs	60	1

Your board would again request all using the public dumps to dump back from the entrances and save the town the needless expense of overhauling the refuse and making an entrance way.

Your board would recommend that \$1,500 be appropriated for use of the board for the present year, as the state board has added the duty of inspecting stables and the issuing of permits for the production and sale of all milk used in the town, the expense to be borne by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

ACTON BOARD OF HEALTH,

By C. A. Dudley, Agent.

REPORT OF CATTLE INSPECTOR

I herewith submit the following report for the year 1917:

Dairy cows	650
Young cattle	227
Bulls	36
Swine	185
Sheep	28
Stables inspected	106

I have quarantined nine head of cattle with tuberculosis, which were taken by the state and killed.

FRED S. WHITCOMB,
Inspector.

Acton, Mass., January 5, 1918.

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen—Enclosed is report of cattle, hogs, veal and sheep inspected by me from May 9, 1917, to January 1, 1918, and reported to state board of health:

Beef	302	11 condemned
Veal	287	4 condemned
Hogs	127	0 condemned
Sheep	11	0 condemned

Yours truly,

EDWARD S. FOBES.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT, 1917

Paid Northeastern Forestry company \$12.00

I would recommend the raising of \$400.00 for this department.

JAMES O'NEIL,
Tree Warden.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 1917-1918

Luther Conant, President.	E. Faulkner Conant, Secretary.	
Delette H. Hall.	Frank Knowlton.	
J. S. White.	Horace F. Tuttle.	L. A. Hesselton.

The Acton Memorial Library was open to the public the fourteenth of June, 1890, and has therefore been in service nearly twenty-eight years. It has enjoyed a regular and continuous period of prosperity, serving a population nearly stationary, no great increase of patronage could be reasonably looked for.

The existence of another library in the West Village in some degree lessens the call for books from that quarter. The sending of the high school children to Concord where they have access to a much larger collection of books also diminishes the demand from our own library.

The library has been fortunate from the start in securing librarians who have been very helpful in the assistance they have given its patrons in selecting books that would be both interesting and useful.

And to Mr. Davis, the present official, thanks are due not only for kindly service, but also for his good taste in buying new books. His artistic skill with brush and pencil specimens, hung in front of the alcoves, brighten the room and make it still more attractive.

There are living at present but two of the six charter members of the board of trustees named by Mr. Wilde in the act of incorporation. Vacancies were caused by the death: First, Mr. Adelbert Mead, then Mr. Daniel James Wetherbee, then Mr. Moses Taylor, and in the last year, Mr. Hiram J. Hapgood.

Mr. Hapgood had been in failing health for some time and a few years ago left Acton to live with his daughter in Reading. He died the seventh day of June, 1917, in the eightieth year of his age.

The surviving members of the board of trustees attended the funeral in the church where he worshipped so long. As proof of his interest in the library, Mr. Hapgood made a bequest of two hundred dollars in its favor. Thus ended a long

and useful life. The remains were buried in Mount Hope cemetery, where they repose amid or near the scenes where he had played in his childhood.

We ask the town to vote the same appropriation, \$200 for new books, and \$450 for current expenses, as in years past.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER CONANT,

For the Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Accessions: Number of volumes in the library, January 1, 1917, 13,140. Increase by purchase 255, of which 33 were obtained by binding magazines. Increase by gift 16. Total increase 271. Number of volumes in the library, January 1, 1918, 13,411.

Circulation: Number of days library was opened 102. Number of volumes circulated, 8,438. Daily average circulation 82 plus. Largest daily circulation 134, on March 3. Smallest daily circulation 28, on December 26.

Received for fines	\$34.20
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\$33.64

Gifts of books have been received from the following sources: United States Government 2; State of Massachusetts 11; Anti-Suffrage league 1; Carnegie Endowment 1; Cheney, W. A., 1.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE ACTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY IN 1917

NON-FICTION

Adams, C. F.—Autobiography	922-A211a
Allen, F. J.—The shoe industry	67-A425s
Andrews, Captain L. C.—Fundamentals of military service	35-A567f
Atwood, A. W.—How to get ahead	33-A887h
Bailey, L. H.—The holy earth	63-B155h
Bailey, L. H.—The survival of the Unlike	63-B155s
Baker, G. P. and Huntington, H. B.—The principles of ar- gumentation	80-B167p
Barnett, G. E. and McCabe, D. A.—Mediation, investiga- tion, and arbitration in industrial disputes	33-B259m
Batchelder, R.—Watching and waiting on the border	35-B328w
Bennett, H. M.—Women and work	39-B471w
Bird, C. S., Jr.—Town planning for small communities	35-B618t

- Bradley, W. A.—French etchers of the second empire 76-B811f
 Brady, C. T.—Northwestern fights and fighters 973.8-B812n
 Brooks, C. S.—Journeys to Bagdad 81-B873j
 Buck, A. H.—The growth of Medicine from the earliest
 times to about 1800 61-B922g
 Bullock, E. D.—Selected articles on child labor 33-B938s
 Burnaby, A.—Travels through the Middle settlements in
 North America in 1759 to 1760 973-B963t
 Cantley, R. W.—Descriptions of land 51-C375d
 Chapman, A.—Out where the west begins 81-C466o
 Cheney, A. E.—Dreams of Hellas and other poems 81-C518d
 Cheyney, E. G. and Wentling, J. B.—The farm woodlot
 63-C531f
 Clark, B. H.—How to produce amateur plays 79-C592h
 Coester, A.—The literary history of Spanish America 80-C673l
 Collyer, A.—Augustus Conant, Illinois pioneer and
 preacher 922-C743c
 Cosmos—The basis of durable peace 17-A100b
 Davies, W. H.—Collected poems 82-D257c
 Dawson, M.—Money-making entertainments for church
 and charity 79-D272n
 Dooley, W. H.—Textiles 67-D691t
 Dow, A. W.—Composition 75-D744c
 Duchene, Captain—The mechanics of the aeroplane 62-D828m
 Earle, A. M.—Stage coach and tavern days 973.2-E12st
 Eberlein, H. D. and McClure, A.—The practical book of
 early American arts and crafts 74-E16p
 Ekblaw, K. J. T.—Farm structures 63-E36f
 Ellis, O. O. and Garey, E. B.—The Plattsburg manual 35-E47p
 Evans, B.—Life romance of Lloyd George 924-G348e
 Fabre, J. H.—The life of the grasshopper 59-F123lb
 Fillebrown, C. B.—The principles of natural taxation 33-F485p
 Frothingham, L. A.—A brief history of the Constitution
 and government of Massachusetts 34-F941b
 Furness, C. E.—An introduction to the study of variable
 stars 52-F98c
 Galsworthy, J.—Strife, a drama 81-G178s
 Galsworthy, J.—The fugitive, a play 81-G178f
 Gerard, J. W.—My four years in Germany 914.3-G356m
 Goldring, D.—A long France's river of romance the Loire
 914.4-G-621a
 Gordon, G. A.—Aspects of the infinite mystery 23-G663a
 Guenther, L.—Investments and speculation 33-G926i
 Halen, J. A.—Anti-suffrage essays 32-H149s
 Halmar, L. C.—Scenes from the life of Benjamin Franklin
 922-F831h
 Hart, E. I.—Virgil C. Hart, missionary statesman 922-H325h
 Hayden, A.—Chats on old furniture 72-H414c

- Heusser, A. H.—The land of the prophets 915.6-H595f
 Jenkins, H.—Life of George Borrow 924-B737j
 Jewell, J.—Heroic deeds of noble Master Masons during
 the Civil war 36-J59h
 Kittridge, G. L.—The old farmer and his almanac 973-K62o
 Lane, R. W.—Henry Ford's own story 922-F711f
 Lippman, W.—Drift and mastery 30-L766d
 McCall, S. W.—The liberty of citizenship 32-M122f
 Michel, E.—Great masters of landscape painting 75-M623g
 Mair, J.—My first summer in the Sierra 917.3-M953my
 Niles, G. G.—The Hoosac valley 974.5-N697h
 Overlock, M. G.—The working people, their health and
 how to protect it 61-O96w
 Parker, Captain R. M.—An officer's notes 35-P244o
 Persky, S.—Contemporary Russian novelists 89-P466e
 Putnam, G. R.—Lighthouses and lightships of the United
 States 62-P991f
 Rickert, E. and Paton, J.—American lyrics 81-R539a
 Robinson, E. L.—One hundred years of savings banking
 33-R659o
 Roget, P. M.—Thesaurus of English words and phrases
 42-R732s
 Sargent, P. E.—A handbook of New England 917.3-S245h
 Scherer, J. A. B.—Cotton as a world power 33-S326c
 Sear's, C. E.—Gleanings from old Shaker journals 917.3-S439q
 Service, R. W.—The spell of the Yukon 81-S59ls
 Shepardson, G. D.—Telephone apparatus 62-S547t
 Shorey, P.—The assault on Lumanism 81-S559a
 Shomk, C. S.—An army woman in the Philippines 919.1-S562a
 Sims, N. L.—Ultimate democracy and its making 32-S614u
 Smith, H. W.—The Christian's secret of a happy life 20-S649e
 Spencer, L. J.—The world's minerals 55-S745w
 Stefansson, V.—My life with the Eskimo 919.8-S817m
 Stetson, F. L. and Others—Some legal phases of corporate
 financing, reorganization and regulation 33-S841s
 Stirling, V., U. S. N.—Fundamentals of naval service 35-S861f
 Sukloff, M.—The life story of a Russian exile 928-S942s
 Talbot, F. A.—Lightships and lighthouses 62-T138l
 Thomas, E.—Richard Jefferies, his life and work 924-J45t
 Thompson, H. L.—Self instruction in navigation 52-T472s
 Tower, C.—Along Germany's river of romance, the
 Moselle 914.3-T738a
 U. S. War Department—Infantry drill regulations 35-A100i
 U. S. War Department—Manual of interior guard duty
 35-A100m
 Westergaard, W.—The Danish West Indies 972-W526d
 Wilson, W.—War messages 35-W754w
 Wing, J. E.—Sheep farming in America 63-W769s
 Wood, J. E.—Popular natural history 59-W876p

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Adams, A.—Wells brothers	A211w
Adams, S. H.—The unspeakable Perk	A217u
Andrews, M. R. S.—The eternal feminine	A568e
Bachelor, I.—The light in the clearing	B121l
Barr, A. E.—Profit and loss	B268pt
Bartlett, F. O.—The triflers	B289t
Bartlett, F. O.—The Wall street girl	B289w
Beach, R.—The barrier	B365b
Bower, B. M.—Jean of the Lazy A	B786j
Bower, B. M.—The phantom herd	B786p
Bower, B. M.—Starr of the desert	B786s
Brown, A.—The country road	B8773eo
Brown, G. R.—My country	B8776m
Burnham, C. L.—Instead of the thorn	B964i
Burrow, C. K.—Patricia of the hills	B974p
Carlsen, C. L.—The taming of Calinga	C284t
Carter, M. H.—Soul's resergent	C323s
Chambers, R. W.—The maid at arms	C444ma
Cobb, I.—Old Judge Priest	C6535o
Cobb, I.—Those times and these	C6535t
Connolly, J. D.—Head winds	C743h
Conrad, J.—Within the tides	C754w
Crawford, F. M.—Adam Johnstone's son	C899a
Cullum, R.—The golden woman	C967g
Cullum, R.—The men who wrought	C967m
Deland, M.—The rising tide	D337r
Dumas, A.—Marguerite de Valois	D886ma
Eaton, W. P.—The bird-house man	E142b
Fitch, G.—The twenty-four	F544t
Flagg, J. M.—The mystery of the hated man	F574m
Frank, W.—The unwelcome man	F828u
Frederic, H.—The damnation of Theron Ware	F852da
Frederic, H.—The Lawton girl	F852l
Frothingham, E. B.—The way of the wind	F941w
Gale, Z.—Hearts kindred	G152h
George, W. L.—The strangers wedding	G349st
Greenfell, W. T.—Tales of the Labrador	G826t
Haggard, R.—The ivory child	H145i
Hardy, A. S.—Helen	H268he
Herrick, R.—The conscript mother	H566co
Hill, M.—McAllister's grave	H647m
Hodges, A.—Pincus Hood	H688p
Hough, E.—The magnificent adventure	H838mb
Hough, E.—The man next door	H838ma
Howells, W. D.—The leatherwood god	H859lf
Hughes, R.—The thirteenth commandment	H894t
Hyne, C. J. C.—McTodd	H997m

Jackson, H. H.—Hetty's strange history	J124h
Janvier, J.—The Aztec treasure house	J35a
King, B.—The side of the angels	K521si
Lagerlof, S.—Emperor of Portugallia	L174e
Lewis, A. H.—Wolfville	L673w
Locke, W. J.—The red planet	L814r
London, J.—Jerry	L847j
Lowndes, B.—Good old Anna	L919g
Lynde, F.—After the manner of men	L988a
Lynde, F.—Stranded in Arcady	L988st
Lynde, F.—The grafters	L988g
Martin, H. R.—Tillie, a Mennonite maid	M381t
McCutcheon, G. B.—Brewster's millions	M133br
McCutcheon, G. B.—Jane Cable	M133j
Maniates, B. K.—Our next door neighbor	M278o
Mervin, S.—The Trafflers	M576t
Mitchell, E.—The call of the bells	M6814e
Mitchell, J. A.—The villa Claudia	M6815v
Mullins, I. M.—Anne's wedding	M959aw
Noble, E.—The bottle fillers	N748b
Norris, C. G.—The amateur	N854a
Oppenheim, E. P.—Mr. Marx's secret	O62ms
Oppenheim, E. P.—The hillman	O62h
Oppenheim, E. P.—The kingdom of the blind	O62k
Orczy, B.—Leatherface	O63le
Parrish, R.—Contraband	P261e
Phelps, G. F.—The mountains of the morning	P5382m
Piper, M. R.—Sylvia of the hilltop	P6655y
Poole, E.—His family	P822hi
Porter, E. H.—Pollyanna grows up	P844p
Porter, E. H.—The road to understanding	P844r
Raine, W. M.—The Yukon trail	R155y
Reinhardt, M. R.—Tish	R579t
Richards, L. E.—Pippin	R516p
Richmond, G.—Mrs. Red Pepper	R532m
Richmond, G.—Under the country sky	R532u
Rideout, H. M.—The far cry	R544f
Robins, E.—The magnetic north	R657m
Rohlf, A. K. G.—To the minute	R738to
Rohmer, M.—The hand of Fu Mauchu	R737h
Rowland, H. C.—Filling his own shoes	R883f
Runkle, B.—Straight down the crooked lane	R939s
Scott, H. J. R.—The cab of the sleeping horse	S427c
Scott, W.—Anne of Geirestein	S431an
Scott, W.—The pirate	S431pi
Sheehan, P. P. and Davis, R. H.—The bugler of Algiers	S5395b
Smith, F. H.—Enoch Crane	S647e
Smith, F. H.—Forty minutes late	S647fo

Smith, F. H.—Kennedy Square	S647k
Smith, F. H.—The veiled lady	S647v
Stephens, J.—The crock of gold	S833c
Tagore, R.—The hungry stones	T128h
Tarkington, B.—Seventeen	T176s
Van Schaick, G.—The son of the otter	V278sw
Von Hutton, B.—Araby	V9464a
Waller, M. E.—Flamsted quarries	W198f
Wells, C.—Patty's fortune	W453pi
Wells, C.—The curved blades	W453c
Wells, C.—The Maxwell mystery	W453ma
Wells, H. G.—Mr. Britling sees it through	W454m
Weyman, S. J.—Count Hannible	W549co
Weyman, S. J.—In King's byways	W549i
Weyman, S. J.—Shrewsbury	W549sv
Weyman, S. J.—Starvecrow farm	W549su
Wharton, E.—Summer	W553su
Wharton, E.—Xingu	W553x
White, E. L.—El Supremo	W5832c
White, S. E.—The leopard woman	W588l
White, S. E.—The claim jumpers	W588e
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Allen, W. B.—Play away, a story of the Boston Fire department	J-A432p
Altsheler, J. A.—The tree of Appomattox	J-A469tr
Anon—Mother Goose jingles	J-A100m
Ball, R. S.—Starland	J-B187s
Barbour, R. H.—Winning his "Y"	J-B239w
Blanchard, A. E.—Fagots and flames	J-B639fa
Blanchard, A. E.—The four corners at school	J-B639fo
Burgess, T. W.—The adventures of Paddy the Beaver	J-955am
Burgess, T. W.—The adventures of Poor Mrs. Quack	J-B955al
Douglas, A. M.—A little girl in Old New York	J-D735lm
Eaton, W. P.—Peanut, Cub reporter	J-E14p
Foster, E. A.—Something to do, boys	J-F754lso
Foster, E. A.—Something to do, girls	J-F754ls
Hughes, T.—Tom Brown at Oxford	J-H894t
Johnson, A. F.—Georgina of the rainbows	J-J72g
Johnson, W. A.—Deeds of doing and daring	J-J712d
Lothrop, M. S.—The little red shop	J-L882lm
Lothrop, M. S.—Rob: A story for boys	J-L882r
McFarlane, A. E.—Redney McGaw	J-M143r
Plympton, H. G.—Doreaster days	J-P733dp
Porter, E. H.—Six star ranch	J-P844s
Sterne, E.—Sonny Jim	J-S839s
Stevenson, B. E.—Tommy Remington's battle	J-S847t
Stoddard, W. O., Jr.—The farm that Jack built	J-S869fa

Taggart, M. A.—Beth of Old Chilton	J-T125bg
Theiss, L. E.—Lumber Jack Bob	J-T376l
Tomlinson, E. T.—Captain Dan Richards	J-T659cā
Tomlinson, E. T.—Carl Hall of Tait	J-T659cb
Tomlinson, E. T.—The pennant	J-T659p
Trowbridge, J. T.—The fortunes of Toby Trafford	J-T863fo
Van Dresser—Gibby of Clamshell alley	J-V246g

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Abbott, J. S. C.—Captain William Kidd	59-A1324ca
Stewart, C. H.—The stars and stripes, a history of the United States flag	59-S849s

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Harper's—June-November, 1916; December, 1916-May, 1917.
International Studio—January-June, 1916.
Little Folks—1915; 1916.
National—April-September, 1916; October, 1916-March, 1917.
National Geographic—July-December, 1915; January-June, 1916; July-December, 1916.
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Review of Reviews—July-December, 1916; January-June, 1917.
St. Nicholas—May-October, 1916; November, 1916-April, 1917.
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REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1917

We present the following schedule showing the amounts of the several funds for the perpetual care of cemetery lots and the income and expenditures on account of each fund for the year.

JULIAN TUTTLE,
FRED W. GREEN,
HORACE F. TUTTLE,
Cemetery Commissioners.

CEMETERY FUNDS FOR CARE OF LOTS

Deposit		WOODLAWN CEMETERY				
No. and Date of	NAME OF FUND	Amount Deposited	On hand Jan. 1, 1917	Income	Expended	On hand Dec. 31, 1917
1	Hepsabeth Piper	50.00	52.00	1.75	2.00	51.75
2	Frederick Rouillard	100.00	100.15	3.50	3.50	100.15
3	William W. Davis	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.50	101.50
4	Jedediah Tuttle	50.00	51.00	1.75	2.00	50.75
5	Mary Skinner	200.00	204.69	7.00	6.02	205.67
6	Nancy K. Handley	500.00	552.80	17.50	15.06	555.24
7	Mary Severance	100.00	103.50	3.50	3.50	103.50
8	Mary W. Chaffin	100.00	102.25	3.50	3.50	102.25
9	Warren Robbins	100.00	100.50	3.50	1.00	103.00
10	Henry Loker	100.00	101.54	3.50	3.00	102.04
11	Henry Lothrop	200.00	202.80	7.00	7.06	202.74
12	Luther W. Piper	100.00	104.69	3.50	3.52	104.67
13	James Temple	100.00	102.50	3.50	3.00	103.00
14	Fidelia Wheeler	100.00	102.07	3.50	3.50	102.07
15	William H. Chapman	100.00	102.50	3.50	3.50	102.50
16	Mary A. Robbins	100.00	102.50	3.50	3.50	102.50
17	Daniel Wetherbee	100.00	101.35	3.50	3.50	101.35
18	James Tuttle	100.00	101.68	3.50	3.52	101.66
19	Julia Morrison	75.00	75.34	2.63	2.50	75.47
20	Elbridge J. Robbins	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.00	102.00

21	William Jennings	100.00	101.50	3.50	2.00	103.00
22	Adeline Weston Blood	100.00	105.11	3.50	3.00	105.61
23	Irving V. Whitcomb	100.00	100.20	3.50	3.00	100.70
24	John Fletcher	100.00	100.33	3.50	3.00	100.83
25	W. E. Faulkner	75.00	75.77	2.63	2.50	75.90
26	Amanda M. Barnard	100.00	100.97	3.50	2.50	101.97
27	George T. Ames	100.00	101.72	3.50	3.52	101.70
28	Horace Tuttle	100.00	102.59	3.50	3.50	102.59
29	Samuel Jones	50.00	50.97	1.75	1.50	51.22
30	Francis Hosmer	150.00	162.72	5.25	3.50	164.47
31	Mary E. Robbins	100.00	100.97	3.50	3.50	100.97
32	Luther and Augustine Conant	500.00	534.77	17.50	16.00	536.27
33	Hannah D. Robbins	50.00	50.42	1.75	2.00	50.17
34	Elisha H. Cutler	100.00	104.00	3.50	4.00	103.50
35	Nathaniel Jones	50.00	51.75	1.75	2.00	51.50
36	Solomon Smith	75.00	75.38	2.63	2.50	75.51
37	Gaius W. Allen	100.00	101.47	3.50	3.40	101.57
38	Varnum and Francis Tuttle	250.00	252.69	8.75	8.00	253.44
39	Aaron Fletcher	100.00	102.15	3.50	3.50	102.15
40	Mary J. Harrington	200.00	205.95	7.00	6.00	206.95
41	Elnathan Jones	100.00	101.70	3.50	3.00	102.20
42	Nathan Chaffin	100.00	101.67	3.50	2.00	103.17
43	Jonathan W. Loker	100.00	102.96	3.50	3.50	102.96
44	Rev. James T. Woodbury	100.00	111.66	3.50	2.00	113.16
45	Henry M. Smith	75.00	75.20	2.63	2.00	75.83
46	Julian Tuttle	100.00	110.00	3.50	2.00	111.50
47	James E. Harris	50.00	50.48	1.75	1.50	50.73
48	Francis Conant	100.00	101.76	3.50	3.50	101.76

49	Elbridge G. Parker	100.00	102.68	3.50	3.00	103.18
50	Lemuel and Augusta Dole	100.00	102.85	3.50	4.00	102.35
51	Edwin Fletcher	50.00	50.88	1.75	1.50	51.13
52	Nancy Raymond and Joseph Estabrook	100.00	100.22	3.50	3.50	100.22
53	Edward Tuttle	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.50	101.50
54	Abram H. Jones	100.00	100.44	3.50	3.40	100.54
55	Joseph A. Whitcomb	100.00	103.83	3.50	3.00	104.33
56	Isaac T. Flag	100.00	102.54	3.50	3.50	102.54
57	Jonas K. Putney	150.00	156.46	5.25	4.00	157.71
58	Joseph Reed	50.00	52.40	1.75	1.50	52.65
59	Charlotte C. Flagg	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.50	101.50
60	Cyrus G. Dole	100.00	102.37	3.50	3.00	102.87
61	Daniel Fletcher	100.00	102.42	3.50	3.50	102.42
62	Asa Parker	100.00	102.83	3.50	3.50	102.83
63	William N. Wood	100.00	103.75	3.50	3.50	103.75
64	Leonard Bulette	100.00	102.20	3.50	3.50	102.20
65	Math Robbins	100.00	101.40	3.50	2.50	102.40
66	Henry T. Billings	100.00	100.33	3.50	3.50	100.33
67	Mary E. Lothrop	200.00	206.70	7.00	5.53	208.17
68	Lewis Wood, Jr.	100.00	103.53	3.50	3.00	104.03
69	George Conant	100.00	103.66	3.50	1.00	106.16
70	Zoeth Taylor	50.00	50.73	1.75	1.50	50.98
71	Herbert S. Lane	100.00	102.08	3.50	3.50	102.08
72	George H. Harris	100.00	108.90	3.50	1.00	111.40
73	Mary W. Fletcher	100.00	100.53	3.50	3.50	100.53
74	John J. Lothrop	50.00	52.62	1.75	0.00	54.37
75	Franklin P. Wood	100.00	103.16	3.50	2.00	104.66
76	Israel H. Giles	100.00	100.29	3.50	3.50	100.29

77	Joseph Barker	50.00	51.60	1.75	1.00	52.35
78	Emma F. Blood	50.00	51.60	1.75	0.00	53.35
79	Daniel J. and E. E. Wetherbee	200.00	203.50	7.00	3.00	207.50
80	Francis Campbell	200.00	203.50	7.00	6.00	204.50
81	Harriet W. Palmer	100.00	101.20	3.50	2.00	102.70
82	Jason W. Livermore	50.00	50.60	1.75	0.00	52.35
83	Josiah Piper	75.00	75.66	2.63	2.00	76.29
84	William F. Wood	50.00	50.44	1.75	1.50	50.69
85	John White	100.00	100.87	3.50	3.00	101.37
86	Cyrus Hale	100.00	100.30	3.50	3.00	100.80
87	Robert Wayne	75.00	75.00	2.63	2.00	75.63
88	Daniel Tuttle	200.00	200.00	7.00	2.00	205.00
89	Edwin Tarbell	100.00	100.00	3.50	2.00	101.50
90	Elisha Comstock	100.00	100.00	3.50	0.00	103.50
91 Jan.	Luke Tuttle	100.00	.....	3.30	2.52	100.78
92 Feb.	Moses Taylor	400.00	.....	12.00	.....	412.00
93 Nov.	William D. Tuttle	100.00	.....	.30	.....	100.30
		10500.00	10190.79	362.13	290.05	10862.87

MT. HOPE CEMETERY

1	Eliza A. Whitcomb	75.00	82.13	2.62	5.00	79.75
2	Phineas Wetherbee	1 sh.FRR	33.15	5.00	2.75	35.40
3	S. Lizzie Hayward	100.00	122.35	3.50	2.75	123.10
4	Frank C. Hayward	500.00	509.33	17.50	17.50	509.33
5	George C. Wright	100.00	138.40	3.50	3.00	138.90
6	George Crampton	100.00	111.40	3.50	3.00	111.90
7	Joel Wright	100.00	113.65	3.50	3.50	113.65
8	George S. Wright	100.00	113.15	3.50	2.75	113.90

9	George C. Wright (Davis Memorial) ..	50.00	75.05	1.75	.....	76.80
10	B. H. and O. K. Patch	50.00	49.90	1.75	1.50	50.15
11	Howard E. Faulkner	150.00	180.30	5.25	4.50	181.05
12	J. Warren Hayward	50.00	51.15	1.75	2.00	50.90
13	Lewis B. Goodnow	100.00	110.65	3.50	3.00	111.15
14	Sarah A. Hutchins	100.00	114.66	3.50	3.50	114.66
15	F. D. Walcott	100.00	115.31	3.50	3.50	115.31
16	A. Louise Warren and Sumner Hosmer	150.00	166.27	5.25	5.00	166.52
17	John R. Houghton	100.00	112.12	3.50	3.00	112.62
18	William A. Cutler and Bradley Stone .	100.00	104.58	3.50	5.00	103.08
19	John Blanchard	100.00	115.33	3.50	2.75	116.08
20	Wheeler and Shattuck	50.00	50.21	1.75	1.75	50.21
21	George H. Decoster	100.00	107.00	3.50	3.50	107.00
22	Henderson Rowell	50.00	50.03	1.75	1.75	50.03
23	Luke Blanchard	500.00	647.50	20.00	.....	667.50
24	L. Blanchard, S. Blanchard Tomb	100.00	129.00	4.00	.....	133.00
25	Calvin and Luther Blanchard Memorial	100.00	125.00	4.00	.....	129.00
26	John Temple and Edward F. Pratt ...	50.00	50.53	1.75	2.00	50.28
27	W. K. Davy	50.00	50.59	1.75	2.00	50.34
28	Ella F. and Lucius S. Hosmer	100.00	111.22	3.50	3.00	111.72
29	Caroline A. Hosmer	100.00	111.10	3.50	3.50	111.10
30	Isaiah Reed	100.00	110.98	3.50	3.00	111.48
31	Benjamin F. Hapgood	100.00	109.73	3.50	3.00	110.23
32	Lucy A. (Wetherbee) Burbeck	100.00	108.73	3.50	3.50	108.73
33	Francis Jones	50.00	50.04	1.75	1.75	50.04
34	Simon Hartwell	100.00	108.95	3.50	3.00	109.45
35	Emerson Fuller	100.00	107.15	3.50	5.00	105.65
36	John Porter Priest	100.00	105.65	3.50	4.50	104.65

37	Harriet Davis Brown	100.00	105.75	3.50	4.50	104.75
38	Oliver Mead	100.00	105.28	3.50	3.00	105.78
39	Bessie E. Brown	100.00	105.41	3.50	3.00	105.91
40	George Gardner	100.00	104.83	3.50	3.00	105.33
41	Hiram J. Hapgood	100.00	103.79	3.50	3.00	104.29
42	Charles Robinson	75.00	77.08	2.62	2.25	77.45
43	Emerline A. Johnson, F. E. Flint and H. Louis Bush	400.00	425.77	14.00	10.00	429.77
44	Nahum Littlefield	50.00	50.52	1.75	2.00	50.27
45	Francis Hayward	100.00	103.50	3.50	3.00	104.00
46	Charles S. Twichell	50.00	50.29	1.75	1.75	50.29
47	Francis Pratt	50.00	50.00	1.75	1.75	50.00
48	Marcus M. Keyes	500.00	516.66	17.50	10.00	524.16
49	Alexander P. Bean	100.00	102.08	3.50	3.00	102.58
50	Bancroft Whitcomb	100.00	102.45	3.50	3.00	102.95
51	Hobart E. Mead	100.00	102.08	3.50	2.50	103.08
52	Jerome B. Whitney	100.00	103.20	3.50	3.50	103.20
53	Varnum Robbins	100.00	101.50	3.50	3.50	101.50
1917						
54	Feb. 1	100.00	.....	3.20	.....	103.20
55	May 1	50.00	.....	1.16	.....	51.16
56	May 1	50.00	.....	1.16	.....	51.16
57	May 1	50.00	.....	1.16	.....	51.16
58	May 5	100.00	.....	2.10	1.75	100.35
59	May 18	50.00	.....	1.02	.....	51.02
60	June 14	100.00	.....	1.75	.....	101.75
61	Oct. 17	50.00	.....	.30	.....	50.30
		6750.00	6862.48	237.34	179.75	7470.07

NORTH CEMETERY

1	Samuel Temple	50.00	52.04	1.75	1.50	52.29
2	Frances Hutchinson	50.00	52.79	1.75	1.50	53.04
3	Henrietta Anderson	50.00	52.29	1.75	1.50	52.54
4	Mary Hapgood	50.00	52.02	1.75	1.50	52.27
5	Jerusha Blood	200.00	225.75	7.00	4.00	228.75
		400.00	434.89	14.00	10.00	438.89

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee *and* Superintendent
of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF ACTON

MASSACHUSETTS.

FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31

1917



THE NEWS-ENTERPRISE
HUDSON, MASS.

1918

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1918

March 15. Winter term closes.
 Vacation, One Week

March 25. Spring term opens.

June 21. Spring term closes.
 Summer Vacation
 1918-1919

Sept. 3. Fall term opens.

Nov. 27. Fall term closes13 weeks
 Vacation (Thanksgiving and day following).

Dec. 2. Winter term opens.
 Vacation (December 20-January 6).
 1919

March 14. Winter term closes13 weeks
 Vacation, One Week.

March 24. Spring term opens.

June 13. Spring term closes12 weeks

Summer Vacation.

Total38 weeks

SPECIAL EXERCISES AND HOLIDAYS

1918:

Feb. 12. Lincoln exercises, one hour.
 Feb. 21. Washington exercises, one hour.
 Apr. 18. Patriots' Day exercises, one hour.
 May 29. Memorial Day exercises, one hour.
 June 14. Flag Day exercises, one hour.
 Oct. 11. Columbus Day exercises, one hour.
 Nov. 27. Thanksgiving Day exercises, one hour.

1919:

Feb. 12. Lincoln exercises, one hour.
 Feb. 21. Washington exercises, one hour.
 Apr. 18. Patriots' Day exercises, one hour.
 May 29. Memorial Day exercises, one hour.
 June 13. Flag Day exercises, one hour.

STANDING RULES

* Rule 1. Children under five years shall not be admitted to the public schools.

Rule 2. Pupils shall be promoted from grade to grade and school to school, according to merit. Thorough and satisfactory work will be required of pupils in a lower grade or school before entering a higher grade or school.

Rule 3. Children who have not previously attended any school shall be admitted to the public schools only at the beginning of the fall term, unless qualified in the opinion of the teacher and superintendent of schools to do the work.

Rule 4. Pupils shall be held responsible for books loaned to them until returned to the teacher.

Rule 5. No repairs shall be made upon the public property in the care of the school committee except by their authorized agents.

Rule 6. There shall be no signal for "no school" on stormy or other inclement days, but parents shall determine in their individual cases whether it is expedient to send their children to school or not.

* When the birthday of a child falls on or before the fifteenth day of the month it is reckoned as falling upon the first day of that month.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Committee

Edwin A. Phalen, Chairman	Term expires 1920
Herbert W. Lewis	Term expires 1918
Bertram E. Hall, Secretary	Term expires 1919

Superintendent

Frank H. Hill, Residence. Littleton, Mass.
Telephone, 36-3, Littleton.

Attendance Officers

Thomas Scanlon	West Acton
Asaph Parlin	Acton Center
Walter M. French	South Acton

Janitors

Thomas Scanlon	West Acton
Asaph Parlin	Acton Center
Theron Newton	South Acton

Teachers in Service, January, 1918

Teacher	School	Appointed	Educated	Home Address
Martha F. Smith	Center Primary	1902	Lowell Normal	Acton, Mass.
Ella L. Miller	Center Intermediate	1899	Framingham Normal	No. Acton, Mass.
Elizabeth A. Hinckley	Center Grammar	1915	Plymouth State Nor'l	Derry, N. H.
Marion H. Barrett	South Lower Primary	1909	Hyannis Normal	Hyannis
Julia L. McCarthy	South Upper Primary	1906	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Jennie E. Stowell	South Intermediate	1907	Fitchburg Normal	South Acton
Emma M. Halliday	South Grammar	1914	Gorham, Me., Normal	Calais, Me.
Harriett H. Gardner	West Primary	1889	Ayer, Mass.	West Acton
Ruth L. Harrington	West Intermediate	1915	Fitchburg Normal	Lunenburg
Eula S. Taylor	West Grammar	1909	Mt. Holyoke	South Acton
Mildred Brennon	Supervisor of Music	1916	Plymouth Normal	Lowell
			Northampton	Weaver
				System
Marion C. Taylor	Supervisor of Draw'g	1912	Mass. Normal Art	Acton

GENERAL REPORT

In presenting our report for the year 1917, we wish to preface our financial statement with a few words concerning our schools.

We believe this school district was wise in re-electing our present superintendent of schools. He has the full confidence of this committee and is, we believe, loyally supported by all the teachers. Under his leadership and management we feel confident in saying that the morality and mental capacity of our scholars is unsurpassed by any of our sister towns in the state. So far as we know, only minor complaints have been made, and the machinery of our system is running in well-oiled fashion. While this committee does not wish to take any undue credit for this condition, we feel that full recognition should be accorded the fine ability and efficiency of Superintendent Hill and the teaching force.

In regard to the physical condition of our schools, we feel that this committee was particularly fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Theron F. Newton as janitor for our South school. Since his advent, this schoolhouse has been thoroughly renovated, and with the help of fresh paint and varnish the interior has been put on a par with our other buildings. Two of our schoolhouses need outside paint, and we purpose painting one of them this coming year. The heavy hand of war has been felt in this department, and in common with many other towns, we have had our fuel troubles, but we trust that this matter will be smoothed out during the coming year.

We wish to thank the townspeople for their loyal support at the last town meeting, and, in this connection, we desire to print for your consideration a letter from the Massachusetts Commissioner of Education. This letter follows:

MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATE HOUSE
BOSTON

“January 2, 1918.

“To the Members of the School Committee:

“With the approach of the annual town meetings, when the question of appropriations is to be taken up, our people should give thoughtful attention to the unusual conditions confronting the schools. Increased costs in every direction bring

the towns and cities face to face with the necessity of increasing school appropriations for the coming year. The schools have never before required more thoughtful attention to their needs, and it will not be safe to handicap them with a policy of retrenchment.

"It is worthy the attention of the American people that, in spite of enormous expenditures for war purposes, France is giving unprecedented attention to her public schools, and England, for the current year, increased her expenditures for public education thirty percent over that for any preceding year.

"In the school year 1915-16, Massachusetts expended approximately \$27,000,000 for public education. This amount was increased to \$28,500,000 for the school year 1916-17. This increase of approximately six percent shows the serious intention of our people to maintain a vigorous educational policy. In view of the present situation, Massachusetts cannot afford to relax in any degree her efforts to carry on her schools at highest efficiency.

"Education is a long-time investment. Its purpose is to protect democracy through the right training of the youth. Even temporary interference with this purpose, through inadequate financial support, may seriously impair the quality of our future citizenship. In the present crisis, it is imperative that towns and cities give careful consideration to the needs of the schools.

"Sincerely yours,

"PAYSON SMITH,
"Commissioner of Education."

Following is a detail of the receipts and disbursements for 1917, and our estimate of expenses for the year 1918:

ESTIMATES FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1918

For general expenses:

Salaries and other expenses of the committee	\$100.00
Salaries and other expenses of the superintendent and truant officers	700.00

For expenses of instruction:

Tuition of pupils attending out of town schools	8,000.00
Salaries of elementary school teachers	6,285.00

For textbooks:

For elementary schools it is anticipated that the amount to be received from dog tax will cover this item 275.00

For stationery and supplies:

Elementary schools 375.00

For expenses of operating school plants:

Wages of janitors, fuel and miscellaneous expenses 2,875.00*

Maintenance and repairs 350.00

For auxiliary agencies:

Health 90.00

For transportation:

High school scholars 2,000.00

Elementary scholars 2,052.00

Total \$23,102.00

Less estimated income from outside sources 1,290.00

\$21,812.00

*This amount exceeds the request of last year, as we did not receive our full supply of coal in September as expected, and we must pay for the balance of 1917, which we hope will be delivered this spring, and our next winter's supply, which should be delivered in September next.

RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR 1917

Appropriation at town meeting \$22,123.04

Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Account of Industrial schools 695.85

Account of superintendent 343.75

Received for tuition of out-of-town

scholars 98.25

Received from refund on railroad tickets 30.81

Received from sale of old books 6.55

Received from sale of old paper 5.01

Received from county dog tax 258.33

\$23,561.59

DISBURSEMENTS

General Expenses

School Committee

Salaries:

B. E. Hall, salary 1917		\$75.00
Wright & Potter Printing Co., printing blanks	\$1.56	
Samuel Ward Company, stationery	4.15	
Rumford Supply Company, stationery .	1.02	
B. E. Hall, telephone and postage	3.06	
E. A. Phalen, postage	3.12	
The Enterprise Company, advertising .	1.00	

\$13.91

Superintendent of Schools and Enforcement of Law:

Paid Frank H. Hill, superintendent ...	\$604.98
W. M. French	12.30
Thomas Scanlon	2.50
Asaph Parlin	3.75

\$623.53

Miscellaneous:

Frank H. Hill, stationery, telephone and postage	\$15.00
Eleanor L. Hill, secretary to superinten- dent	61.15

\$76.15

Expenses of Instruction

Town of Concord, high	\$7,714.44
Town of Concord, agricultural	1,006.33

\$8,720.77

City of Lowell, industrial	192.50
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Elementary Schools

Harriet H. Gardner	\$579.00
E. Sophia Taylor	532.00
Ruth L. Harrington	534.50
Ella L. Miller	585.00
Martha F. Smith	546.00
Marion H. Barrett	534.50
Emma M. Halliday	579.00
Elizabeth A. Hinckley	546.00

Julia L. McCarthy	540.40
Jennie E. Stowell	546.00
Marion C. Taylor	234.00
Mildred Brennan	205.33
Mrs. Forrest K. Howe	26.00
Emily Nagle	5.60

\$5,993.33

Text Books, High

Town of Concord	\$2.70
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Text Books, Elementary

Milton, Bradley Company	\$10.32
Edward E. Babb & Company	113.37
American Book Company	25.99
Houghton, Mifflin & Company	25.48
Silver, Burdett & Company	11.83
D. Appleton & Company	11.25

\$198.24

Stationery Supplies

Finney & Hoit	\$11.27
Edward E. Babb & Company	249.69
Dowling School Supply Company	30.57
Houghton, Mifflin & Company	7.38
George W. Wooster, cartage	1.50
F. S. Glines, express .....	.74
D. Hennessey, cartage	1.50
Emma M. Halliday, express	1.10
Thomas Scanlon, express .....	.25
Theron F. Newton, express	1.19
H. I. Dallman Company	2.51

\$307.70

Expenses of Operating School Plants

Wages of Janitors

Fred S. Glines	\$230.00
Asaph Parlin	336.00
Thomas Scanlon	378.00
Theron F. Newton	160.00

\$1,104.00

Fuel

Charles Wheeler	\$20.25
T. E. Downie	19.00
S. A. Coal & Lumber Company	341.72
George H. Reed	122.30
Overseers of poor	41.25

\$544.52

Miscellaneous

M. E. Taylor & Company	\$12.91
Finney & Hoit	3.70
H. W. Lewis	4.37
Robert W. Carter	2.00
Tuttle & Newton	3.51
D. Hennessey	2.00
American Woolen Company	3.38
West and South Water Supply District of Acton	36.70

 \$68.57
Maintenance
Repairs

J. P. Brown	\$1.10
Davis, King Company	22.50
E. T. Rice	89.29
H. W. Lewis	116.67
Edward E. Babb & Company	7.34
Marion C. Taylor	3.75
C. L. Chase & Son	13.80
L. T. Fullonton	261.70
Theron F. Newton	9.40
F. Z. Taylor	1.05
E. A. Phalen	38.75
South Acton Coal & Lumber Company .	22.57

 \$587.92
Auxiliary Agencies
Health

George B. Robbins Disinfectant Company	\$118.40
D. Hennessey .....	.50

 \$118.90

Transportation

High School:

N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad Company ..	\$291.75
B. & M. Railroad Company	1,502.00
Fred E. Brill	10.02
H. W. Bursaw	21.00
Lester N. Fletcher	10.50
A. Christofferson	3.90

 \$1,839.17

Lowell Industrial:

B. & M. Railroad Company	\$28.00
N. Y., N. H. & H. Railroad Company ...	44.85

 \$72.85

Elementary:	
W. M. French	\$390.00
Jens Mekkelsen	364.00
Charles Edwards	610.00
A. Christofferson	429.00
J. D. Smith	195.00
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	\$1,988.00
Total receipts	\$23,561.59
Total disbursements	22,527.76
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Unexpended balance	\$1,033.83

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN A. PHALEN,
HERBERT W. LEWIS,
BERTRAM E. HALL,

Acton, January 21, 1918.

Committee

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen of the Committee :

I herewith present my eighth annual report, the twenty-sixth in the series of such reports.

Looking back over the year's work I am reminded of the experience of the average home-maker who finds her house clean and in good order, yet hardly different from its condition a year before. Every day she has swept and dusted and scrubbed and washed and wiped dishes and made beds and kept the fires going and cooked and tended the baby and done numberless other things—to what end? To change the house into a mansion? No, only to be able to say at the close, "I found my house in good order and have kept it so for a year." This much I can say of the schools with all assurance, giving due credit to the teachers for conscientious and untiring work through the year.

It has not been my policy to inaugurate spectacular work, or, in other words, show work. It is not easy to do this with any real success in schools of two and three grades. The required work is quite sufficient for the average teacher whose two grades are often in reality three or four classes by reason of the wide difference in the ability of her pupils to acquire and retain information of value or to reason well or promptly. Let us see what the schools **must** do: Such (public) schools

shall be taught by teachers of competent ability and good morals and shall give instruction in orthography, reading, writing, the English language and grammar, geography, arithmetic, drawing, the history of the United States, physiology and hygiene, and good behavior. In each of the subjects of physiology and hygiene special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks and of stimulants and narcotics on the human system, and as to tuberculosis and its prevention, shall be taught as a regular branch of study to all pupils in all schools which are supported wholly or partly by public money, except schools which are maintained for instruction in particular branches." There are three public schools in Acton—Center, South and West. In the Center three teachers—assisted one-half day each week by the supervisor of drawing—face the above program of subjects for some 185 days in the year. The West school has the same problem; while the South school has four regular teachers instead of three for the work. More or less ignorance in the above required subjects on the part of pupils is assumed, else it would not be necessary to teach them. Nor is all knowledge of or in them acquired at once, but only after from eight to twelve years of constant and earnest effort. "Good behavior" is well and thoroughly taught in the schools of the town, but too often its practice begins and ends in the schoolroom. That must be evident even to the most casual observer as well as to the most critical. The influence of the school day will never extend through the twenty-four-hour day until the public meets the teacher at the school door in the until the public meets the teacher at the schoolroom door in the 'afternoon and says, "I will be as careful of the behavior of these children until they return to you in the morning as you have been today." This would be real cooperation and would be much appreciated by the schools.

Now let us see what **may** be taught in the schools. "Book-keeping, algebra, geometry, one or more foreign languages, the elements of the natural sciences, kindergarten training, manual training, agriculture, sewing, cooking, vocal music, physical training, civil government, ethics, thrift, and such other subjects as the school committee consider expedient may be taught in the public schools." I have quoted the Revised Laws, Chapter 42, showing the required and the permissible subjects. Since their compilation the teaching of thrift has been made compulsory, and last year the teaching of citizenship was also made compulsory. I shall speak of this further on. School practice has put bookkeeping, algebra, geometry, the languages, the sciences (general sciences, physics and chemistry), agriculture and civil government into the high school years. Acton pupils get no kindergarten training; their manual training, sewing and cooking come in the high school years; they

get no physical training of permanent value; only in the matter of vocal music are the permissible subjects recognized in our elementary schools.

This year the war has laid its hands upon our schools and added to the responsibilities of our teachers. Pupils have been and are to be urged to do their bit in gardening and in the conservation of food. The meaning of Liberty Bonds has been explained to them and they have been asked to explain to their parents in the hope that parents would see the advantage as well as the patriotism involved in the purchase of these bonds. The Y. M. C. A. movement was explained; the Red Cross drive was advertised; and the superintendent has been authorized and urged to sell the War Savings stamps throughout the district. Every child is to have an opportunity to do something, however little, for the great cause for which the United States is laboring, and no efforts will be spared to inculcate in the minds of the children in the schools the principles of true patriotism so vital to the future welfare of this, our country.

The United States Fuel Administration has designated January 30, 1918, as a National "TAG-YOUR-SHOVEL-DAY," when all school children will be provided with tags for themselves and their neighbors to attach to their coal shovels. The tags will be distributed by the superintendent of schools.

Schools are warned against many mushroom organizations collecting money for war-relief. The Red Cross has been named as the one organization through which such contributions should be made with confidence that money so collected would be used in a manner corresponding to the claims of the organization.

Schools are urged to form Junior Red Cross societies. One at least has been formed in West Acton schools.

It will thus be seen that many extra school activities are demanding our attention. They will be met with as little confusion as possible. They demand study on the part of teachers, and time on the part of both teachers and pupils, to accomplish their object without seriously affecting the program of the schools. This study and time we shall give cheerfully; for even the children realize that the war must be won, and that the winning of the war abroad depends upon the determination to win here.

The teaching of citizenship must be founded upon the old-fashioned virtues. One without character cannot claim to be a good citizen, however loudly he shouts for the things good men and women desire for their town. But to character he must add some intelligent understanding of the community needs and some more or less expert knowledge of the apparatus and machinery and expense necessary to meet those needs. In this connection the water system, the electric light plant, the man-

agement of the roads, the value of food products, the disposal of waste and garbage, etc., become legitimate subjects of study by the children in their preparation for the duties of citizenship. In the upper grades they must acquire some exact knowledge of the duties of the officers at the heads of departments, whether town, state or national, and of the manner of electing them. Almost insensibly community civics extend into civil government. The teaching of citizenship is now required, and it is a great task. Teachers' meetings for the remainder of the school year will be devoted to its solution—if such be possible. No doubt a text book for the upper grades will be desirable and I shall recommend one later that seems best adapted to our needs.

Every school building has been supplied with a set of blanks for every possible kind of work certificate. The teachers have been instructed in their use and requirements. Parents and employers should cooperate in making the preliminary requirements plain to those who desire positions between the ages of fourteen and sixteen, and between sixteen and twenty-one. The order between fourteen and sixteen is:

1. The promise of employment (A card).
2. The physician's certificate of health (The reverse side of promise of employment card).
3. The school record.
4. The birth certificate.

With the above cards the child may get from the superintendent of schools—or at the present time from Mr. Frank W. Hoit of South Acton, also—the final certificate, the employment certificate.

If over sixteen and under twenty-one the child may get an educational certificate from the same sources by presenting the promise of employment card and the birth certificate.

If the birth certificate is not obtainable, evidence of age may be offered in the following order:

1. Baptismal record (Attested transcript).
2. Passport, attested immigration record (Attested transcript); other official or religious record.
3. Register of school first attended in state.
4. Authorized physician's certificate.

It should help to make a better citizen of one to know exactly how to go about the important business of getting a job with the least trouble to himself and others. Efficiency itself is summed up in these words: Knowing how to do things with the least trouble to yourself and others.

The interior of the South school house has been made very attractive by its new coat of paint. In one or two places, however, the roof needs repairing if the ceilings and walls within are to be preserved spotless for any length of time. Much

credit belongs to Miss Taylor, the supervisor of drawing, in the final selection of the color schemes.

So many of the children of South Acton bring their lunches that the problem of furnishing a place to eat in became acute last winter. A room over the upper hallway was partitioned off, but proved inadequate both in the matter of space and heating. The children were then allowed to eat in one of the school rooms, bringing a newspaper or napkin to keep the crumbs from the desks and floor. For a time one of the teachers remained in charge, but afterwards arrangements were made for the janitor to stay in the room during lunch time. The arrangement was much more satisfactory than any that had been followed previously, and will continue practically the same this winter.

The increased cost of living has raised the question whether or not fourteen or fifteen dollars per week is sufficient salary for even the average inexperienced teacher with the degree of training required—four years of high school and two or three years of normal school, or four at college. Teachers, generally, think not. They are answering the question in a concrete way by leaving the profession. Mill girls in one of my towns are receiving more per week than the teachers in the school one hundred yards distant. Tool makers with only a grammar school education receive a yearly salary far in excess of college men who are teachers. Where then is the force of the argument for keeping boys and girls in the schools if their remuneration at the end is to be less than that of workers in other occupations? I ask this question with all respect for those who work with their hands, as well as for those of moderate education (in the school), but of extraordinary talents who have won deserved success in special lines. Speaking comparatively, teaching is becoming more and more a poorly paid profession except for certain experts—and all may not be experts. The average teacher this year is very much better than the average teacher twenty years ago, but she can never be the expert, though she does the work the expert devises. She is the teacher we are familiar with, and we should be glad to have her with us. But I believe that a contented and hopeful mind is of the same importance in the schoolroom as in the home of the wage earner—and only the best work can be done and the highest ideals entertained when the mind is clear to act above the petty disturbances the lack of sufficient income always causes. Every teacher in Acton ought to receive at least six hundred fifty dollars a year. And even this, averaged for fifty-two weeks, amounts to but \$12.50 per week. Principals now receive \$570, and other teachers \$532. To give the principals \$675 per year and all other teachers \$650 would mean an annual increase of \$1,141. But I earnestly recommend that

increase, to begin immediately after the town appropriates sufficient funds. There are certainly men enough in this town who have daughters ambitious to be teachers, or at least appreciate the value of the service of teaching to the community to convince the voters of the justice and necessity of this request.

In concluding this report I have to thank you and the teachers for the universal courteous support of the year, and the townspeople for their indulgence and good will.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. HILL,
Superintendent of Schools.

Acton, January 17, 1918.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Mr. F. H. Hill, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir—I herewith submit my second annual report of the work in music in the Acton schools.

I have not made any definite changes in the plan of work this year and for the most part the music is progressing satisfactorily.

Great stress has been laid on tone-quality during the past year, and a gratifying improvement in that respect is noticeable in nearly every room this term.

Individual singing in the lower grades has been continued, resulting in a larger percent of independent singers and also better class singing.

We have also secured better work in part-singing this term. Last year we were able to have three-part singing in only one school, and this year we have it in all three schools.

I wish to thank the teachers and superintendent for their interest and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED L. BRENNON,
Supervisor of Music.

Lowell, Mass., December 14, 1917.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

Superintendent F. H. Hill:

Dear Sir—I herewith submit my sixth report of drawing in the Acton public schools.

The drawing course has been somewhat the same as that of last year. We have accomplished a great deal under the pictorial, decorative and a little in mechanical drawing.

I will give a general synopsis of the whole course:

A. Landscapes in pencil, crayon, and water color: (a) Applied to covers of books, compositions, posters, postcards and book plates for decoration.

B. Decorative art in pencil, pen and ink, crayons, and water-color: (a) Horizontal, vertical, oblique and curved lines used to form designs; (b) Lines applied to borders, posters, surface patterns, book covers, dress goods, paper boxes, tiles, home furnishings.

C. Interior decoration: (a) Plans for living room; (b) Color schemes for woodwork, walls, ceilings, and floors in dark and light rooms; (c) Correctly designed furniture for ordinary homes and the proper placing of furniture in a room; (d) Window hangings and portieres; (e) Proper pictures for living room and mantle ornaments; (f) Floor coverings.

D. Perspective principles, applications and renderings; (a) Object drawing in three elevations: 1. Applied to posters for decoration; 2. Applied to book covers; (b) Street scenes, railroad tracks, buildings; (c) Quick sketches of objects with and without models.

E. Mechanical drawing: (a) Working drawings and their application to wood making tiles, plant sticks, book racks, paper knives; (b) Compass practice making geometric figures for working drawings and design; (c) Lettering for posters, book-covers, cards, etc.

This comprises the work for the year and I feel that we have all had a very successful year's work.

I thank the teachers, superintendent and all who have made the year's work pleasant.

Respectfully yours,

MARION CELESTE TAYLOR.

101 Commonwealth Avenue, Concord Junction, Mass.

ROLL OF HONOR

Not Absent or Tardy for One Year

South Acton—Sylvia Stannard.

Acton Center—Amelia Marsh.

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TEST

School examined	Number Enrolled	Defective Eyesight	Defective Hearing	Parents Notified
West	84	7	0	7
Center	72	3	0	1
South	134	8	1	9
Totals	290	18	1	17

SCHOOL CENSUS, 1917

	Boys	Girls	Total
Number children between 5 and 7 ...	22	25	47
Number children between 7 and 14 ..	138	121	259
Number children between 14 and 16 .	33	24	57
Number minors between 14 and 16 who cannot read at sight and write leg- ibly simple sentences in the English language	0	0	0
Number of illiterate children 16 years of age or over, and under 21 years of age	0	0	0
Total	193	170	363

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS' REPORT

	South	West	Center
Number of cases investigated	22	1	0
Number returned to school	19	0	0
Number committed to truant school ...	0	0	0
Estimated cost	\$12.80	50c	0

SCHOOL SAVINGS

	Number Depositors	Amount Collected
South Acton	88	\$177.36
West Acton	63	122.65
Acton Center	30	167.80
Total	181	\$467.81

Number Graduated from Grammar Schools

	Boys	Girls	Total
South Acton	8	4	12
West Acton	4	7	11
Acton Center	4	4	8
Totals	16	15	31

Acton Pupils in Concord High

	Class of 1918	Class of 1919	Class of 1920	Class of 1921	Total
Commercial course .	1	5	10	7	23
College course	2	0	5	15	22
General course	1	2	0	0	3
Scientific course	0	2	1	0	3
Domestic Arts course	5	2	3	5	15
Mech'ics Arts course	6	1	9	2	18
Agricultural course .	1	2	1	0	4
Total	16	14	29	29	88

Number Entering Concord High, September, 1917

	Boys	Girls	Total
Acton Center	2	2	4
South Acton	8	5	13
West Acton	2	6	8
East Acton	1	3	4
Totals	13	16	29

STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1916-1917

School	Grades	Different Pupils		Total Membership	Aggregate Attendance	Average Daily Attendance	Average Membership	No. between 5 and 7		No. between 7 and 14		No. between 14 and 16		Number under 5	Number over 16
		B	G					B	G	B	G	B	G		
West	1-2-3	19	14	35	4919.5	27.23	30.90	8	10	11	4				
	4-5	9	12	23	3482.0	19.09	21.74	0	0	9	12				
	6-7-8	16	20	37	5659.0	30.53	33.84	0	0	14	17	2	3		
South	1-2	17	16	34	4560.5	25.1	28.90	10	12	7	4				
	3-4	20	22	45	6383.5	36.8	40.00	0	0	19	22	1	0		
	5-6	17	13	32	4527.5	24.85	27.56	0	0	16	13	1	0		
Center	7-8	22	11	35	5361.0	29.6	30.03	0	0	18	11	4	0		
	1-2-3	16	16	37	4567.5	25.30	27.81	6	8	9	7	1	0	0	0
	4-5-6	23	11	40	5474.0	30.32	33.03	0	0	22	11	0	0	0	0
	7-8	11	10	21	2765.5	15.38	19.00	0	0	0	0	8	7	0	3
Total		170	145	339	47700.0	264.20	292.81	24	30	125	101	17	10	0	3

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